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Choir's recruitment
drive is a success!

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THRILLING WEEKEND IN PROSPECT AT BARRY Red Arrows heading for the Island!

THE Red Arrows
 are heading for
 Barry this
 Saturday, June 20,
 at 12 noon.

Last year, they
 thrilled thousands of
 people who gathered

on the Island and at
 vantage points across
 the town.

The display is part
 of the 'Barry at War
 Weekend'.

If people want to
 catch a train to the
 Island, there's a park

and ride shuttle
 train service being
 operated by Barry
 Tourist Railway from
 the Waterfront Station
 to Barry Island
 Station. The service
 starts at 9.15am.

John Buxton,
 director of the Barry
 Tourist Railway, said:
 'We in the 'Barry at
 War' team are really
 excited about the event.

"I'm pleased to say
 that we have enlisted
 the support of many
 Barry Island traders
 this year to help
 support the display,
 including John's Café,
 Marco's, O'Shea's
 Café, and Danter's Fun
 Fair.

"Our last 'Barry at
 War' event was a great
 success, bringing over
 40,000 people to Barry
 Island - and year by
 year, it's growing and
 growing!"

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Broadway hit heads for Dinas Powys!



NINETEEN local children are
 soon to present the Welsh
 premiere of *Freckleface
 Strawberry the Musical*. The
 musical is based on the
 beloved New York Times best-
 selling book by celebrated
 actress Julianne Moore.

Superstars in the Making
 Performing Arts Academy has
 gained the rights to perform this
 family Broadway hit.

The show follows the story of a
 young girl who has ginger hair and
 freckles. The audience are taken on
 a journey from her being bullied by
 her classmates, to learning to love

herself for who she is, and overcome
 the bullies.

Many children are exposed to
 bullying at some point in their
 school years and this is a show
 created to celebrate the differences
 all children have to make them
 unique.

With fun, catchy songs and
 dances performed live by a talented
 youth cast, this is a great event for
 the whole family to enjoy with an
 excellent message.

Curtain up is on June 29 - 30, at
 7pm, in Dinas Powys Parish Hall,
 CF64 4AF; book tickets at
 www.superstarsinthemaking.com.

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Vale Council cuts mobile phone bill

THE Vale Council has renegotiated its
 mobile phone contract - and hopes to save
 more than £30,000 a year as a result.

At the meeting of the Vale Council's cabinet on
 Monday (June 15) it was revealed that negotiations
 with the O2 phone company have resulted in a new
 agreement. The council has been with O2 since 2012.

The cabinet was told that in the last year of the
 contract (2014/15) O2 had received £92,825.
 However, under the terms of the new agreement, that
 sum is expected to fall by between £30,000 and
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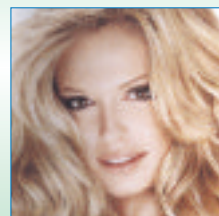
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'Let's support the Airport!'

ICAN concur with Steph Bonner – 'You just can't beat flying from Cardiff Airport' – GEM letters, last week. Having driven, or had taxis to Bristol since Bmbaby quit Cardiff, it will be a pleasure to be able to fly from Rhose again.

So come on, you people who complained so much about not being able to get flights from Cardiff Airport – book your Flybe seat now for the autumn break – especially golfers.

The courses on the Algarve and Spain await you this winter!

C Wilkins,
Welsh St Donats.

'Make opposition to workfare clear'

IREAD with interest Coun Neil Moore's column, headed 'View from the Vale', in The GEM on May 28.

Coun Moore mentioned that the Vale Council is using a "council work programme" to support people into work.

Readers may have got the impression that the council is using the work programme, part of the Tory Government's notorious workfare system.

Unite Community, the grassroots organisation of the Unite Trade Union, has for some time been investigating the use of workfare by councils across Wales.

Refugees: 'Do not look the other way'

LAST week's fine industrial exhibition in Maesteg Town Hall was a reminder of how immigrants from Italy and Poland joined with local people to mine the valley, and develop an iron industry that brought prosperity to Wales and the world.

Today, the issue of immigration to the UK is a vexed one, and during this Refugee Week (June 15 – 21), we are made aware of the desperation, fear and courage of people, forced to leave all that is familiar, to seek work like the immigrants to Maesteg did over 70 years ago.

The plight of the thousands of refugees

risking everything, believing that Europe offers a better life, touches our common humanity, and it behaves us all and our governments to be open and compassionate.

We depend so much on immigrant labour in many aspects of our social and economic lives, including the NHS, care sector, and agriculture.

Refugee Week 2015 invites us to celebrate 'our different pasts and shared future'.

We urge the British Government to effectively help these people, and not just look the other way.

Ann Lewis, Sue Rhodes and Gill Nelson,
(on behalf of Bridgend Quakers).

We can confirm that the Vale Council is not using workfare.

We know this because Coun Ian Johnson (Plaid Cymru) helpfully asked a question about workfare at the meeting of the full council on April 29 – which produced a somewhat clearer statement of the council's position than was contained in Coun Moore's GEM column.

I invite Coun Moore to make his opposition to workfare crystal clear by signing the Unite pledge at <http://www.unitehunion.org/campaigning/workfare/workfare---council-pledge/>.

Paul Browning,
Llantwit Major.

Readers' Letters

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Lasting Power of Attorney

'TRUST IS THE KEY WORD'

IWOULD like to expand on the topic of Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) to GEM readers, raised in the June 4 issue, from a solicitor's point of view.

Approaching this subject can be difficult at the best of times; however, a necessary one.

A number of options are available for those wishing to nominate a guardian or for someone seeking to protect a vulnerable person.

True, the system is somewhat bureaucratic; nevertheless, for those where financial constraints are an issue, applying for LPA is reasonably straightforward – as long as they go about it logically.

That means read the available advice www.gov.uk/power-of-attorney; study the

downloadable documents – free; recognise the fundamentals of LPA – assets and/or welfare.

The system is flexible, and there are a number of ways to proceed for those wishing to grant LPA or nominate a guardian.

This includes increasing the levels of protection, should the need arise (onset of dementia) at a later date. Whilst there are initial administrative costs, these can be refunded.

The main issue to consider in this process is 'trust'. Nominating more than one person to act for you in whatever role you choose can be advantageous, and all are accountable for their actions.

Mr R K Davies,
Barry.

Young Welsh voters second class citizens?

IT is very sad to see the Tories 'turn coat' on such a vital issue as allowing voting rights to 16 to 17-year-olds in the European Referendum.

This momentous decision will profoundly affect the long term future of young people, most of whom have been to Spain more times than they have visited London, and are indigenous Europeans to the core.

Having won the election, the Conservatives appear to be conveniently changing their minds.

There are no excuses; this age group will be simply, if allowed, voting on who rules them; not specific laws.

Former Conservative Minister, Damian Green, identified young people as one of the groups that

the Conservatives needed to focus on.

Mr Green said the Conservatives' modernisation was incomplete: "I would prefer to welcome young people to a party whose values they share, if only we bothered to listen to them."

"As a sign of how we listen, we should think about giving votes to 16 and 17-year-olds."

Clearly a little bit of success at the ballot box changes annoying little matters like principles for the Tories.

The 16 and 17-year-olds were allowed to vote on the legislative future of Scotland.

The youth of Wales and of England are clearly regarded as second class citizens to those of their Scottish neighbours, when it comes to voting under the Conservatives.

Coun Phillip Rapier (Labour), Penarth.

A BRIDGE TOO FAR?

RESIDENTS of the western Vale who continue to be inconvenienced by the Ewenny railway bridge closure will be annoyed, as I was, to discover what Network Rail can do when it tries.

At Harcombe Hill, east of Bristol Parkway station, a very similar structure was replaced last Christmas in 42 hours!

A timelapse video of the work can be found on youtube.com. Search for 'Harcombe Hill'. Colin Dimond, Wick.

'Please speak to each other!'

WITHOUT my own transport, would the organisers in the Vale please tell me how I can support three worthwhile events in the area at the same time?

On June 20, we have the Victorian Fayre in Llantwit

Major, Barry At War weekend (with The Red Arrows) in Barry and a Fun Day in Sully!

Who were the clever organisers? Don't you speak to each other?

What could have been three wonderful days out, were condensed to a solitary choice!

Mrs Jackie Morris, Barry.

Calling pupils back to school...

ON July 11, 55 years ago, Maes y Coed school in Barry was opened by Dame Dorothy Rees.

Please visit the building at 2.30pm on July 11 to mark the occasion.

Anyone with any connection to the school over the years is welcome to come and join us! Barbara Milhuisen (Jenkins).

'March against solar farms'

IT was good to see in last week's edition of The GEM that there is a campaign against another solar farm development in the Vale. It appears, that the Vale is taking the brunt of these solar developments.

I completely agree with the argument put forward in last week's article that there is no place for these solar panels in the countryside.

It seems to me that it is obvious to put them on industrial estates that are

not occupied. These already have concrete standings and are plentiful in the area.

It was also good to see, on the website, that the management of the Manor House Nursing Home are fully behind this campaign.

I would urge fellow countryside dwellers to support this campaign, as they could be proposing more solar panels on your doorstep next.

I also urge as many people as possible to attend the march on June 27, in an effort to further highlight people's awareness.

Mrs Victoria Pryor.

Why reject a water park?

IWOULD like to respond to the letter, 'We won't sell Island short', by Coun Lis Burnett in The GEM, on June 11.

Ms Burnett's put-down that the statement made in my letter in the previous week's paper 'is laughable', is typical of the council's reaction to any hint of challenge.

Readers should know that I sat just two metres away from the council's major projects officer, John Dent, when he stated that an approach had been made for a water park with a form of accommodation on Nell's Point – and that it was rejected because it would have taken too long to build.

Unfortunately, council minutes for that meeting appear rather vague.

On this matter, what I would like to know is

who made the decision that "no bids were sufficiently viable"?

I've always been led to believe that it is the cabinet or the council that make decisions of this nature, and I cannot find any council minute referring to the decision. The land in question is managed on behalf of taxpayers by the council, and the disposal of our assets should be open to public scrutiny.

Why is Ms Burnett so adamant in shooting me down? This facility could have been wonderful for Barry; it should have been reported at a public meeting, debated, followed up and encouraged, instead of being thrown out at first base, like so many other great ideas.

We need fresh thinking in this council, and we need it fast!

Jonathan Osborne,
(FocusBarry member).

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 25)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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Doom and gloom!

THE credit rating agencies forecasting doom if Britain leaves the EU, are the same ones that never saw the financial crisis coming.

The whole story is reminiscent of the horrors forecast when the UK left the exchange rate mechanism.

This turned out to have been the best thing the UK could have done.

R Bradshaw, Cowbridge.

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Budding Pavarottis boost Barry choir!

BARRY Male Voice Choir is approaching its annual concert with reinforcements!

The concert takes place at St Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Wyndham Street, on Friday, June 26 (7pm), and there will be a significant increase in the size of the choir.

Last autumn, The GEM reported on the choir's launch of a humorous recruitment campaign that caught the attention of the general public.

It asked people whether they fancied themselves a budding Pavarotti or a bathroom crooner!

It was boosted by the support of Welsh celebrities such as Michael Sheen, Roy Noble and Derek Brockway. Michael Sheen even re-tweeted an appeal for new members to his 200,000 followers.

The choir then held taster sessions in the West End Club which resulted in 16 new members.

One new chorister was Gareth Davies, aged 37.

"I joined at the end of last November. A colleague mentioned something on Twitter and I saw the spread in The GEM.

"I'd always wanted to join a male voice

by GEM REPORTER



One of the humorous postcard invitations to the taster sessions for new members.

choir and when I told my wife Jane about the article she encouraged me to get involved.

"It is one of the best decisions I have ever made. It is fantastic – like being part of a family.

"There are people of different ages and backgrounds, and there's really good banter. I even get to sing Calon Lân!

"There are so many songs that we sing – it's opened my eyes.

"I would encourage anyone of whatever age or background to get involved with a choir.

"When you say 'I should have done this years ago', the other choir members reply: 'That's what everybody says'."

Choir president Gordon Mudford said he had been thrilled with the response.

"We now have 43 members and some younger members which has reduced our average age.

"The prospective members went through certain parts of music with our musical director Dot Connell and we found out which part of the choir suited them – bass, baritone, second tenor and first tenor.

"Some of the new members were able to come to Rheinfelden with us."

The choir, which was founded in 1902, has performed in many countries including Norway, Holland, Germany, Spain and France.

In 1961, it had 18 members. By 1975, that number had swelled to 85 – so 43 in 2015 seems more than respectable.

It has an illustrious history including first place in the male voice choir competition in Chester in 1971, the 'blue ribbon' in Chester in 1970 and third place in the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in 1976.

It often performs in other languages such as French, German, Hungarian, Spanish and Italian.

The choir's annual concert helps fund touring and expenses, but other appearances are for charity and the choir has helped to raise more than £200,000 for good causes over the years.

Male voice choirs are an indispensable part of Welsh culture and it is good to know Barry Male Voice Choir is in good hands for another generation.

The vice chairman, Gareth Jones, told The GEM: "The annual concert will be a proud occasion for everyone. A strong harmonious bond has been formed between our new voices and the experienced members. The choir is revitalised!"

Tickets (suggested donation £8, children free) available from members, on the door, or by telephone 01446 402398. For more information: www.barrymalevoicechoir.co.uk/.



A rehearsal for new recruits in Trinity Hall last November.



ABOVE: The new choristers making their debut at St. Mary's Church, February, 2015. New member, Gareth Davies is shown back row second from left.

Collection for Help for Heroes

ASDA Barry is sponsoring collections for Help for Heroes over the weekend July 4-5.

Can you spare a couple of hours on either day to help with collecting?

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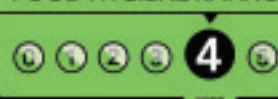
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The Red Arrows set for special Island weekend

THE UK's top aerobic performers, the Red Arrows, are to perform at Barry Island.

The RAF's display team will be showing off their skills during the Barry at War and Vale Jazz events.

Red Arrow pilots will be flying over

Whitmore Bay, Barry Island, at midday on Saturday, June 20.

Vale Jazz is being held over a three day weekend starting with opening by the Archbishop of Wales, Barry Morgan at 4pm at Kings Square on Friday, June 19, then will be hosted at 14 venues across the town.

Coun Richard Bertin, chair of the Vale Jazz

organisers, said: "We are hoping that our first Vale Jazz event will be a success so that it can grow in future. We have planned to have over 20 acts playing in around 14 venues across Barry Island and beyond and so it should be really exciting."

"The Jazz Weekend is aimed at not only promoting jazz music but also providing free

entertainment for all to enjoy as everyone is complete free, thanks to the kind sponsorship from the Arts Council for Wales and local companies."

"Over the weekend there will be 14 different types of venues playing music which involves over 20 acts including local and national artists, which features a 1940s era jazz trio to fit in with the Barry at War event, Canute, a funk-Latin Jazz Collection, New Orleans style piano player Dale Storrs to the stomping 'bluegrass' of Big Joe Bone, the ambient Folk Blues of Sean Taylor to a Blues/Jazz Fusion trio."

The Remi Harris Project has been announced as the headline act for the weekend.

"Barry is a great place to hold events like Vale Jazz and I am glad we have managed to get our first Vale Jazz Festival off the ground and hopefully the start of many," said Coun Bertin.

A full programme is available from local venues and Barry Library. The whole weekend of Vale Jazz is free.



Staff's cycle ride to help needy

STAFF from the Screwfix supports projects that will fix, repair and maintain properties and facilities for those in need in the UK.

A 5,500 mile national cycle relay covered all 400 stores to raise money for The Screwfix Foundation, a charity which

Cardiff-Roath, via stores at Llanishen and Gabalfa, totalling 46.3 miles. Will said: "We all enjoyed the challenge of 'Tour De Screwfix' especially with it being for such a worthwhile cause. It will be fantastic to see the final amount raised."

Among those taking part were Curtis Wilkin, Matthew Evans, Will Spence, James Laidlaw and Ben Hawthorn, who rode from the Screwfix store at Barry to

PENARTH PUPILS SCOOP TOP JOURNALISM AWARD

KEEP Wales Tidy has announced its national winners for the Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) competition 2015, with a Penarth school scooping an acclaimed international prize.

Huw Edwards, BAFTA award winning journalist and member of YRE judging panel said: "Young Reporters for the Environment is a great opportunity for young people in Wales to sample the world of journalism while exploring the issues that impact on Wales' environment."

Young Reporters for the Environment is an international programme and competition,

promoted by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), which operates in 27 countries throughout the world. In Wales, the programme is managed by Keep Wales Tidy.

YRE provides young people with a vision of the professional world of journalism, while giving them the opportunity to explore and report on environmental issues that affect Wales.

Students had the chance to submit their investigation entries as written, photographic or video media.

The 2015 Welsh judging panel included Welsh Country magazine writer and photographer, Richard Cain and BBC journalist, Catherine Roper.

Over 120 entries made it to the international level from 24

countries worldwide. The international entries were judged in Denmark back in May and winners included Sarah Brabham and Alice Holder from Stanwell Comprehensive School, Vale of Glamorgan for their written report called 'Boiling the Planet Away!'

The girls won the 15-18 category. The winners will receive garden centre vouchers and a chance to have their work displayed on the Keep Wales Tidy website.

Chief executive of Keep Wales Tidy, Lesley Jones, commented: "Young Reporters for the Environment celebrates talented young people who express a passion for protecting our planet. The winning articles are an inspiration for us all as we work together to achieve a sustainable future."



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Rotary clubs combine to take 'Kids Out'

ON June 10 the Rotary Clubs of Barry and Penarth joined forces to support Rotary's national 'Kids Out' event and took 70 pupils from Cadoxton and Jenner Park primary schools in Barry and Ysgol y Deri in Penarth on two coaches to Brean Sands Theme Park, in Somerset. There the pupils enjoyed theme park rides as well as being provided with hats, sweets and ice-cream for all!

The day out was made possible thanks to the continued generosity of the public in supporting the Rotary Clubs' ongoing fundraising events.

Speaking on behalf of the Rotary Clubs of Barry and Penarth at the end of the very successful day, past president John Shapland from Barry Rotary said that it had been a pleasure to accompany the pupils and see their smiling faces as they enjoyed themselves.

The Kids Out event was organised and co-ordinated on behalf of the Rotary Clubs of Barry and Penarth by Barry's past president, Carl Kerr.

JO

Jaydene and Stuart's unforgettable day!



LEFT: Jaydene Vaughan, the owner of HQ2 Salon, Holton Road, Barry, and Stuart Palser, a local electrician, got married at All Saints Church, Penarth, on May 23. The wedding ceremony was followed by a reception for family and friends at Court Colman, Bridgend.

IMAGE by LAURA BERRY



The Ysgol y Deri pupils from Penarth.



Cadoxton and Jenner Park Primary pupils from Barry.

Red Arrows flying in to Barry Island

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John continued: "The weekend is aimed at telling people about the history of Barry, particularly, the docks, the railway, and the key role Barry played in the two World Wars.

"The 'Barry at War Museum' will be open at Barry Island Station where there will be re-enactors in period uniforms and dress, together with military and fashion displays, plus vintage stalls giving the station an authentic 1940's atmosphere. There's also a jazz festival going on."

There is even a Red Arrows' simulator so people can 'fly' a red RAF Hawk aircraft themselves.

More on Barry's weekend on page 4.

Scouts count down to fete

IT'S that time of year again, when the value of volunteering has been highlighted during Volunteers Week.

Without volunteer leaders we could not survive. We are in need of some more leaders at the 11th Barry Sea Scout Group, so why not visit us at this year's 62nd annual fete in Romilly Park on July 4.

We have some great displays at this year's fete, in particular we are fortunate the British Legion motorcycle display team have found time to be able to attend our event, which is a major attraction to many young people.

There will also be the Rockwood Dog Display Team, and other displays. Programmes are on sale from your local Scout and Guide groups.

For further information about volunteering with us either see us at the fete or e-mail us at - gsl@11thbarryscouts.org.uk.

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Speaker's love affair with 'The Big Cat'

ON June 9, member David Bray gave a talk to Dinas Powys Proboscis Club entitled 'The Big Cat', an account of his love affair with Jaguar cars which began when, aged 14, he saw Brendan Bowles driving a Jaguar XK-12 and resolved to have one some day.

In the 50s, they were the 'must-have car' for the rich and famous stars of radio and television, many of whom frequented The Windsor hotel in Cardiff. They were spectacular, in particular, the E-Type sports mode, and had bodies styled by an aeronautical engineer. They were a huge hit at the New York Motor Show.

First, David had to be content with more modest cars such as a Ford Popular costing £60 and kept in running order with spares recovered from Bill Whye's scrap yard, followed by a Ford Capri and a Morris 1000, his favourite car.

But, on retirement in 2000 as head of waste management for Cardiff City Council, David was finally able to buy his first Jaguar, a V12 2/2 coupe.

Fortunately, his wife Mary, was equally enthusiastic about the car and they joined the owners' club on rallies around Britain and the

continent.

One highlight was a 100-car convoy around France, which included a visit to a chateau where the Count had a large collection of Jaguars and strangely, hundreds of bicycles.

A drawback to touring the mountains of France and Germany was that in the thin air, the petrol consumption in the big engine car dropped to no more than six mpg.

On one trip abroad, the British contingent were joined by the Porsche Motor Club of France, and together they visited the Pegasus bridge, made famous in the 1944 invasion.

By a strange moment of fate, the chairman of the Jaguar Club had been in command of the British troops who had held the bridge during the fighting.

On these journeys, the group were usually accompanied by maintenance engineers in case of breakdowns, and on one occasion David's car needed emergency repairs to a leaking radiator. His car is now in the hands of his son for overhaul etc. which gives David time to spend with the family's horses.

David's talk was full of humour and was greatly enjoyed by the members. The vote of thanks was given by Graham Russell.

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From Wick to St Donat's Castle

SEVEN walkers from Penarth and District Ramblers, including leader Geraint and his sheepdog Patch, arrived at Wick which once contained six pubs and had a reputation in smuggling days for the 'wreckers of Wick,' who would lure ships onto the rocky shore by showing false lights and then steal their cargo.

The group made their way through fields where some stiles were lost in the thick undergrowth, but a good bash with a trusty stick soon allowed them through on their journey to St Donat's Castle.

In the 13th century, it was held by the de Hawes family, before passing by marriage into the Stradling family and in 1925 was sold to the newspaper magnate Randolph Hearst.

It was commandeered for the training of Army officers during World War Two and then in 1960, became Atlantic College and receives students from all over the world who come to study.

The small medieval 12th century church dedicated to St Dunwyd lies in the shadow of the castle and the churchyard contains a memorial to the Stradlings.

More fields led them

to Cwm Marcross and over several sets of stepping stones across the brook in the pretty nature reserve, before they arrived at the coast.

A climb up the cliff on the Wales Coast Path, was followed by lunch in Cwm Nash, out of the wind beside the Nash Brook which empties across the pebble beach into the sea.

Then came a climb onto the clifftop before turning inland near the remains of an old Celtic fort. Quiet lanes led them back to Wick.

On June 20, there is a circular 13-mile moderate walk from Bridgend railway station taking in Ogmere, Newton and Merthyr Mawr; please remember to buy a return ticket and obtain train times from the website or the leader; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On June 21, meet at 10am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a six-mile moderate walk in the Radyr area; contact Pam on 029 2025 5102.

On June 23, meet at 9am at Cogan for the annual 20-mile hard Three Castles Walk taking in Skenfrith, White and Gromston castles; contact William on 01446 747239.

On June 25, meet at 7pm at the Bridge Café car park, Cold Knap, Barry for a 3-mile easy walk taking in three beaches; contact Jan/John on 01446 418514.

JOY STRANGWARD

Formal opening of the Vale's Water Activities Centre

AT 1pm on Saturday, June 20, the High Sheriff of Glamorgan, Heather Stephens will formally open the Barry Community Water Activities Centre on the Mole in Barry No 1 Dock.

The event marks the completion of the first part of the project which will ultimately provide an iconic, user-friendly building for use by all in the local community.

Work so far has seen the construction of a slipway into the dock, a car park, provision of pontoons, and temporary changing and classrooms, to the value of nearly £200,000.

The new facility will offer many groups and clubs a place to meet and participate in various water-based activities.

Run by the Ocean Watersports Trust, a charity with the sole purpose of offering opportunities for everyone to be active on or near the water, the centre will also bring to life the largely disused dock.

OWT chairman, Chris Basten, said that the opening represents the end of the first phase of the project, with temporary buildings used while fundraising continues to complete the main facility.

He thanked all those who had helped, especially Barry Town Council, the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Sport Wales, Associated British Ports, Welsh Government, Grabit and the Simon Gibson Trust.

He especially thanked the 25 committed volunteers who had given up hundreds of hours of their free time to do everything except the actual construction.

He remarked that a lot more could be accomplished when groups worked together, and looked forward to the time when the opening of the permanent building brought everyone back to the Mole for another ceremony.

Anyone wishing to use the Activities Centre can contact the Trust via their website www.bcwac.org.uk, or just phone 07855 463293.

SCHOOL'S NEW BADGE IS REVEALED AT CADOXTON

MAYOR of the Vale, Coun Fred Johnson who is also chairman of Cadoxton School Governors, was "absolutely delighted" to officially unveil the new school badge recently.

Headteacher Janet Hayward said: "Learning and Growing together, being our best forever" is our Cadoxton School motto – it was written by the school council three years ago.

"The new school badge reflects the motto and was designed by the school council, with help from Barry artist, Emma Everitt. The tree represents growth and the trees in Victoria Park. The three branches represent our three school rules: be safe, be respectful, be the best you can be.

"The new badge reflects the pride we have in our school and community. It was fantastic to launch our new badge with our Mayor and chair of Governors on Friday."



Lloyd Rodd cutting the celebratory cake.

'HAND OVER CONTROL TO DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY'

I WOULD like to thank Coun Burnett for her response to my letter dated June 11.

She says she has 'offered to meet me on many occasions' to discuss my concerns and that, I have 'always declined'.

I publicly now ask her again to meet me to discuss the Cross Common road bridge replacement; a safe cycle/footpath to Barry from Dinas Powys; and the transfer of assets to the Dinas Powys community (such as the old St Cyres school site).

I attended a very interesting, well-attended conference on June 10 at the Memorial Hall, Barry, where Jane Hutt AM spoke of how the Welsh Government can't do enough to help local community councils take charge of their own assets. We would like control of the Dinas Powys St

Cyres School site, please (for starters).

We have already lost the Wesley Hall to housing, (a well-used village centre community facility), Ardwyn school to housing, Bryneithin elderly persons' home, (housing?).

In return we have a 'feasibility study' and 'a range of highway works' such as 'footway widening near the infants school'.

I won't hold my breath for an answer on St Cyres.

Christopher Williams, Independent member, Vale Council.

Clairvoyance CADOXTON
Christian Spiritual Church, Kenilworth Road, is holding a special one-off evening of clairvoyance with Alun Havard on Friday, July 3, at 7pm. Admission £5 at the door.

Belinda celebrates a notable, double literary success

BEST-SELLING Vale novelist Belinda Bauer is celebrating a literary double success.

Not only has she been named on the shortlist for the Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year 2015 for *The Facts of Life and Death*, she has also been longlisted for her latest novel *The Shut Eye* for the CWA Gold Dagger.

Last year, Belinda won the Theakstons' award with the ingenious crime thriller *Rubbernecker* which was set in south Wales.

The overall winner of the Theakstons' award will be decided by the panel of judges, which this year comprises the executive director of T&R Theakston Ltd Simon

Theakston, festival Chair Ann Cleaves, Radio Times' TV editor Alison Graham, the head of fiction at WH Smith, Sandra Bradley, and the producer of the Radio 2 book club, Joe Haddow, as well as members of the public.

The public vote opens on July 1 and closes July 13

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Crime novelist Belinda Bauer

BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

Notice of appointment of date for the exercise of electors' rights

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015
Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended)

1. Date of announcement 18 June 2015
2. Each year the Council's Annual Return is audited by an auditor appointed by the Auditor General for Wales. Any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the Annual Return and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to the accounting statements. For the year ended 31 March 2015, these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to:
Cliff Lewis, Town Clerk, Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA.
commencing on 3 July 2015 and ending on 30 July 2015
3. Local Government Electors and their representatives also have:
 - the opportunity to question the auditor about the accounts; and
 - the right to make objections to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of an objection must be first given to the auditor and a copy sent to the Council. The auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose on 31 July 2015 and after that date will be available at the address given in paragraph 4 below until the audit has been completed.
4. The audit is being conducted under the provision of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2015, the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended) and the Auditor General's Code of Audit and Inspection Practice. Your audit is being carried out by:
Mazars LLP, The Rivergreen Centre, Aykley Heads, Durham, CH1 5TS
5. This announcement is made by Cliff Lewis, Town Clerk.

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Hysbysiad penodi dyddiad ar gyfer arfer hawliau etholwyr Cyfrifon ar gyfer y flwyddyn yn diweddau ar 31 Mawrth 2015
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1. Dyddiad y cyhoeddiad 18 Mehefin 2015
2. Bob blwyddyn caiff Datganiad Blynyddol y Cyngor ei archwilio gan archwilydd a benodir gan Archwilydd Cyffredinol Cymru. Mae gan unrhyw berson sydd â diddordeb y cyfle i archwilio a gwneud copïau o'r Datganiad Blynyddol a phob llyfr, gweithred, contract, bil, taleb a derbynneb ac ati sy'n gysylltiedig â'r datganiadau cyfrifon. Ar gyfer y flwyddyn a diweddodd ar 31 Mawrth 2015, bydd y dogfennau hyn ar gael trwy wneud cais a rhoi rhybudd rhesymol i:
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yn cychwyn ar 3 Gorffennaf 2015 ac yn diweddau ar 30 Gorffennaf 2015
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 - y cyfle i holi'r archwilydd am y cyfrifon; a'r
 - hawl i wneud gwrthwynebiadau i'r cyfrifon neu unrhyw eitem ynddyn. Rhaid rhoi hysbysiad ysgrifenedig o wrthwynebiad i'r archwilydd yn y lle cyntaf a rhaid danfon copï i'r Cyngor.
4. Gellir cysylltu â'r archwilydd yn y cyfeiriad ym mhargraff 4 isod i'r perwyll hwn ar 31 Gorffennaf 2015 ac wedi'i dyddiad hwnnw bydd ar gael yn y cyfeiriad a roddir ym mhargraff 4 isod hyd nes y cwblhawyd yr archwiliad.
4. Cynhelir yr archwiliad o dan ddarpariaeth Deddf Archwilio Cyhoeddus (Cymru) 2015, Rheoliadau Cyfrifon ac Archwilio (Cymru) 2005 (wedi'u diwygio) a Chod Arfer Archwilio ac Arolwgu yr Archwilydd Cyffredinol. Cynhelir eith archwiliad gan:
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SULLY U3A'S WORLD WAR ONE COMMEMORATION

THE Sully U3A recently held its AGM when there were over 140 members present to hear chairman, Jean Bispham, present her report.

She said that membership continued to grow and it now stood at 308. She thanked committee members and group leaders for their hard work during the year.

The accounts were in good order and subscriptions for 2016 would remain the same.

After the election of the committee for the coming year, there was a World War One commemoration: the hall had been decorated with bunting and Union flags and members had been asked to come either dressed in the costume of the time or in red, white and blue.

There were contributions from the ukulele and recorder groups, readings

by the creative writing group; and a play about a young boy who signed up and did not return to his family was performed by the drama group.

There was opportunity for members to join in singing the songs of the time led by the Singing for Pleasure group. At the end of the play, the names of the 11 men from Sully who died were read. This was followed by a minute silence and the exhortation.

Jean Bispham thanked everyone who had contributed to the afternoon, including the many bakers who had made cakes for the tea that followed.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, July 9 at 2pm in The Old School, Sully, when the speaker will be Tony Ewington from Barry National Coastwatch Station. New members are always welcome.

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Rhose WI members guests at the Palace!

THE June meeting of Rhose WI was the culmination of a busy week.

On June 2, members Jeannie Morris Peters and Ann White attended the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, which celebrated the centenary of the National Federation of the WI.

On Thursday, June 4 President Jenny Reed went to the centenary annual meeting at the Royal Albert Hall which was attended by the Queen and other members of the royal family. The event was live on the internet and several Rhose members attended a screening organised by Llanmaes WI and other members of the Heritage Link.

This was a very enjoyable day, and everyone was able to enjoy the events at the centenary meeting as they happened. Lunch and afternoon tea were served and the organisation was superb – many thanks to the organisers!

The June meeting of Rhose WI took place on that evening, so it was very relaxing to hear poet Jan Price giving readings of her work. These were very



amusing and just what was needed at the end of a very busy day.

Members were reminded that a coffee morning will take place on July 11 at Avril Phillip's home at 8, Wesley Avenue at 10am. Donations of plants, cakes and raffle and tombola prizes were requested and these can be handed to committee members or brought to the July meeting.

The trip to Hampton Court Castle will take place on July 15 and members were asked to be prompt at their 'pick-up point'.

Skittles has been postponed until

September and there will be no craft club this month. Lunch Club will meet at The Highwayman at 12.15pm on June 23, walkers to meet at the village pump at 11.30am. The competition was won by Pam Jupp and the raffle by Kate Whittaker.

The next meeting of Rhose WI will be on July 2 at The Community Hall, Stewart Road at 7.30pm when the speaker Jane Masters will give a talk entitled 'Don't put your Daughter on the Stage.'

Visitors and new members will be very welcome.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT Secondary education proposals are a concern

TO say that there is a huge amount of concern about secondary school merger proposals being put forward by the Vale of Glamorgan local authority is an understatement.

The prospect of more than 2,500 pupils in one huge school will completely transform how education is delivered in Barry.

I have yet to see any evidence that creating one of the biggest schools in Europe will improve standards for pupils, and who knows what impact the disruption of building works could have?

It is an unnecessary gamble by the local authority, and many people are asking the simple question – can the Vale council point to an example where a school of such an enormous size has significantly improved educational standards?

I have been contacted by, and meeting with, many people with the interests of providing our community with the best possible education. Parents and staff are concerned that the consultation underway will not collect the information needed to provide an appropriate route forward.

If you have an interest in education, not just in Barry, these proposals have Vale wide



ALUN CAIRNS
reports to GEM readers

implications, please go to <http://bit.ly/1ekbFFM> and complete the survey before the consultation closes on July 6.

I don't want to see children leaving primary schools across the Vale and being swept into a huge school where personal attention to particular needs would be virtually impossible.

It could be an intimidating environment for many, an enormous school where teachers don't know pupils names and vice versa.

versa.

I have written to the leader of the Vale Council this week to request that opinions of teaching professionals for and against the proposals are heard in an open and positive way.

This proposal is too important to be given the go ahead based on limited feedback, and the local authority could be designing in major problems for the future.

I am concerned that the local authority just hasn't thought this proposal through.

We are yet to see how such a major change to our schools will improve standards. That, combined with no guarantee of funding for such major changes, could result in serious consequences.

With any issues that would arise from a misguided plan, the people who will suffer most are the pupils, parents and teaching staff – for that reason I encourage you to complete the survey before July 6.

If you have any concerns about the process and the proposals, please get in touch. The survey can be found at <http://bit.ly/1ekbFFM>.

'We need to educate ourselves on diabetes'

THE number of people with diabetes in Cardiff and the Vale has reached an all-time high of 23,035 according to new figures released today by Diabetes UK Cymru.

The new figures, extracted from official NHS data and published at the start of Diabetes Week, show that the sharp rise in diabetes cases in recent years is continuing, with 177,212 people diagnosed with the condition across Wales.

If this trend carries on, then in 10 years it is estimated that 288,000 people in Wales will have diabetes.

Many cases of Type 2 diabetes can be prevented – but there is no way of preventing Type 1.

With so many people now living with the condition, NHS Wales needs to prioritise giving people the education they need to manage their diabetes well.

At the moment, diabetes education is barely provided, resulting in devastating health complications, including amputation, blindness and stroke.

Beyond the human suffering, diabetes costs NHS Wales nearly £500 million a year, 80 per cent of which is spent on

managing avoidable complications. already over-burdened NHS.

Diabetes UK Cymru is calling on NHS Wales and the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to ensure people living with diabetes in the area are provided with education and support to manage their condition on a day to day basis effectively.

Diabetes UK Cymru's director, Dai Williams, said: "Over the last decade we have seen the number of people with diabetes rising at an alarming rate and these latest figures are a stark call to action – we must act now or face the very real danger of diabetes devastating the lives of even more people, and threatening to wreck the

complications.

"While Welsh Government made a commitment to improve access to timely structured education for people with diabetes 18 months ago, little progress has been made. Now, we need to see health boards across Wales making this a priority for their patients living with diabetes."

Council achieves bronze Insport award

THE Vale Council has been awarded the Insport Bronze national accreditation.

The Insport development programme is designed to support local authorities and national governing bodies of sport to provide for disabled people and athletes.

Following a formal presentation and a question and answer session, the Insport panel indicated that they were unanimous in their decision to award the council this accreditation.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for visible services and leisure, said: "I would like to congratulate Karen Davies and the sport and play development team on achieving this award. I am delighted with the progress they have made in supporting disability sport groups in the Vale and I'm sure the silver award will be achieved in the future by this hard-working team. Well done."

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (B4265 ST BRIDES ROAD (PART) EWENNY) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER (No 2) 2015

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location B4265 - St Brides Road, Ewenny from its junction with the access road into the quarry to the rear of number 1 Kingswood Close at grid 290072 177011 in a generally south westerly direction to the quarry access at Pontalun at grid 289928 176698. A distance of approximately 325m.

Reason To allow removal and replacement of a railway bridge on behalf of Network Rail.

Duration From 00.01 Hours on Wednesday 1st July 2015, until 23.59 Hours On Friday 31st July 2015.

Diversions (for vehicles under 15 feet high) for southwest bound traffic during the above closure will be signed in a north easterly direction along St Brides Road and continuing along this road to the junction of the B4524 Ogmere Road, then turning left at this junction and continuing in a generally south westerly direction and continue along the B4524 along Main Road, through the village of Ogmere-By-Sea, continue along the B4524 through Southerndown continue along this road along Southerndown road, and Bull Hill, to where this road meets the B4265 at St Brides. then turning left onto the B4265 Ewenny Road, continue along the B4265 along Ewenny Road and St Brides Road to the south western point of the closure, and visa-versa.

Diversions for vehicles over 15 feet high for south westbound traffic during the above closure will be signed in a north easterly direction along St Brides Road and continuing along this road to the junction of the B4524 Wick Road and turning right into Wick Road, continue along the B4524 Wick Road and Corntown Road through the villages of Ewenny and Corntown, to where this road meets the A48, turn right onto the A48, and follow in an easterly direction along this road to Penre Mayrick, turn right into the B4268, and continue in a southerly direction along this road through the village of Llyswoyney to Nash Corner. From Nash Corner continue in a southerly direction along the B4270 to its junction with the B4265 at Llantwit Major then turn right onto the B4265, and continue along this road through Wick and St Brides to the south western side of the closure, and visa-versa.

Pedestrian and emergency vehicle access cannot be maintained during this closure.

Dated this 18th day of June 2015.

M. E. Punter,
Director of Visible Services & Housing, Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

GORCHYMYN (CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO) (B4265 ST BRIDES ROAD (RHAN YN UNIG) EWENNY) CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (Na2) 2015

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ATODLEN 1

1. Ni fydd unrhyw un yn gyrru nac yn caniatáu i unrhyw un arall yrru cerbyd modur yn y man a nodwyd yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad B4265 - St Brides Road, Ewenny, o'r gyffordd â ffordd fynediad y chwarel, y tu cefn i 1 Kingswood Close, wrth gyfeirnod grid 290072 177011, ac ymlaen i gyfeiriad cyffredinol y de-orllewin, hyd at fynediad'r chwarel ym Mhontalun wrth gyfeirnod grid 289928 176698. Rhyw 325 metr yw hynny i gyd.

Rheswm Symud ac ailosod pont reilffordd ar ran Network Rail.

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Cement plant is helping local homework club

THE Lafarge Tarmac Aberthaw Cement Plant has announced a partnership with the Rhose Parent/Child Homework Club.

The homework club is a voluntary organisation, initially set up to help support local children with specific learning difficulties, such as dyslexia, keep up with their school work and give them confidence.

Now close to celebrating its third anniversary, the club has 80 children from across the Vale, with mixed abilities, attending its homework clubs on Tuesday and Thursday at Rhose Community Centre – with a waiting list.

The partnership came about following a fund-raising barbecue held at the cement plant in May, where colleagues at the works raised over £700 to help the charity. Club founders, Cath Watkins, Maria Thompson and Ceri Saunders from Rhose, came along and told the cement team about the club, and everyone agreed that they wanted to be able to do more to help the club than just a one-off fund-raising event.

The community partnership will mean more fund-raising events will be held by Aberthaw Cement Plant colleagues.

Plant manager, Chris Bradbury and other colleagues visited the Rhose Homework Club and said: "We are



Cath Watkins with Chris Bradbury, at the Rhose Homework Club.

absolutely delighted to be supporting such a great volunteering initiative.

"All the youngsters were so well behaved during our visit and it was a pleasure to see what a great learning atmosphere has been developed at the community centre, and how the children are so keen to get on with their work, especially as this is an optional activity outside of their school day."

The next thing to be organised through the partnership is a summer trip for the children, to reward them for their

learning efforts throughout the year, and planning is well under way.

Cath Watkins said: "The way that the club has evolved from when we first started three years ago supporting two local children is just amazing, but we knew that we wouldn't be able to continue to grow in this way, without more support."

"The partnership with the Lafarge Tarmac Aberthaw Cement Plant is more than we could ever have wished for and will help us support more children and their families across the Vale."

'THERE BE PIRATES IN BARRY?'



Children staff and parents from Cylch Meithrin Llantillud Fawr took part in Barnardo's Big Toddle to raise funds for children less fortunate. Well done to all who took part and raised over £200!

Island's 'university by the sea'

A 'POP Up University-by-the-sea' is being launched to use an inspiring seaside location, along with inspiring speakers, to inspire new ideas and thinking at Barry Island's new outdoor amphitheatre on the resort's Eastern Promenade between 12noon and 2pm on Tuesday, June 30.

Featuring a lunchtime programme of 10 minute talks, the idea grew from an idea posted on the Barry Ideas Bank, with the event being run as part of the Wales Festival of Innovation celebrations.

The event is free and you can stay for just one talk or enjoy the whole two hour programme of

12 lectures. Speakers will include local inspiring people as well as people from the Professional Speakers Association Wales, in a diverse range of fascinating topics from the factual such as archaeology, to the motivational, on how to have more zest in your life.

Commenting on the idea, Andy Green of the Barry Ideas Bank said: "We hope to use the occurrence of a stunning, inspiring location at Barry Island, along with inspiring speakers will create an entertaining and educational event, with fresh seaside air, fresh thinking and fresh ideas."

Further details are at the event's Facebook site or on the Barry Ideas Bank at www.yourideasbank.org.uk.

Incredible bilingual album for children



Jane Hutt with Penni Carr and Hannah Fitt.

ON June 5, Vale AM Jane Hutt attended the launch of a bilingual album by Babi Bach at the Memorial Hall, Barry.

Babi Bach, set up by Penni Carr, helps small children learn the Welsh language through music and the album

with songs in Welsh and English was recorded in Wales by artists with strong links to the country.

"Penni Carr is the inspiration behind Babi Bach and this incredible album includes talented local singers such as the SAFE Foundation's Hannah Fitt," the AM commented.

Host a tea party... and help out Marie Curie!



Deborah Miller, Georgina Burke, staff at Cardiff International White Water.

FUNDRAISERS at the Cardiff and Vale Hospice are urging local residents to get together with family and friends and organise a Blooming Great Tea Party from June 20-29 to raise funds for Marie Curie, the charity which provides care and support to people living with a terminal illness.

Georgina Burke and Deborah Miller recently held a tea party on a raft at Cardiff International White Water to show how easy it is to hold a tea party no matter how big or small.

All the funds raised from Blooming Great Tea Party will help Marie Curie nurses care for more people living with a terminal illness at the Marie Curie

Hospice in Penarth and also in their own homes in South East Wales

Georgina Burke, community fundraiser said: "Holding your own Blooming Great Tea Party is really easy to do. Whether you hold it at home, at work or somewhere locally it's a fun way to get together with friends and support your local Marie Curie nurses and people living with a terminal illness."

Last year across the UK the Blooming Great Tea Party for Marie Curie raised £667,000, which pays for 33,350 hours of vital nursing care.

For more information and to sign up for a free fundraising pack to host your own Blooming Great Tea Party, visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/teatime or call 0845 052 4184.

New post office at Plymouth Road

THE Post Office will open a new branch at Plymouth Road, Barry on Friday, July 10.

The branch will need to close temporarily for refurbishment from 5:30pm on Monday, July 6. During this short time customers can access Post Office services at Barry Post Office and High Street Post Office.

Fundraising for Nepal

ON July 10, the prestigious Kendal Mountain Film Festival will be in Cardiff to raise funds for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal.

Action and adventure films from around the world have been carefully selected to showcase a wide range of exciting mountain activities at the New Theatre.

All proceeds will go towards delivering aid directly to the people of Nepal, following the recent devastating earthquakes. Three charities involved – international Porter Protection Group, Porters Progress UK and Community Action Nepal are dedicated to rebuilding the lives, homes and communities that have been destroyed.

Tickets are £15. Visit www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk or call the box office on 02920 878889.

Council picks up two transport awards

THE Vale Council's transport team have picked up one first place and one runner up award at the CILT Cymru-Wales National Transport and Logistics Awards 2015.

The council was named the winner of the safety category for its work on the stretch of Port Road from Barry Comprehensive School to Weycock Cross Roundabout.

The council also won the runner-up award in the partnership category for its links with bus company New Adventure Travel and their work to improve bus routes between Llantwit Major, Cowbridge, and Talbot

Green. Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for transportation, said: "I was delighted to receive on behalf of the council two prestigious transport awards that recognise the efforts of the transport team in delivering new transport infrastructure and also

new bus services. I hope that we can build on these transport successes over the coming months and years." The CILT Cymru-Wales National Transport Awards 2015 were presented on June 12 at the Assembly Room in City Hall, Cardiff.

Meet the bobbies

CASTLELAND – Meet your local officers at Morrisons, Barry, June 20 between 10am and 1pm.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT – at Barry Rugby Club, Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry on June 22 at 7pm.

COURT PACT – at the Witchill Community hall, Dyfan Road, Barry on June 25 at 6pm.

BARUC – at ASDA, Barry on June 25 between 1pm and 5pm.

DINAS POWYS PACT – at Youlden House, Fair Oaks, Dinas Powys on June 22 at 7pm.

Coffee and a chat with PCSO Angela Stone at The Six Bells public house, Penmark on June 26 at 11am.

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Speech therapist Karen picks up honour for live-saving card



Karen Bowen (shown second right) receives her special operations award from Chief Superintendent Josh Jones. Also pictured are Judith Major, of the force's Public Service Centre and Wayne Crocker of Mencap.

AN ABMU speech and language therapist has been honoured for her hard work developing a potentially life-saving card for vulnerable people, and building training resources to increase awareness of the communication needs of people with learning disabilities.

Karen Bowen was presented with a special operations award by South Wales Police to commend her for her

contribution to the Keep Safe Cymru campaign.

Launched in December, the scheme aims at helping people with a learning disability and communication needs.

Registered users are encouraged to carry a card listing their name, emergency contact details as well as health and other important personal information so they can get the appropriate help if they are taken ill or feel unsafe.

A direct phone line on their card will put the registered individuals in touch with a trained operator at the South Wales Police call centre.

The operators will have access to information about the individual's needs to help them deal with the call appropriately and seek the right kind of support to quickly minimise distress.

Principal speech and language therapist Karen is one of the ABMU staff members who work as part of Cardiff Community Learning Disabilities Team.

She was heavily involved in the development of the card, advising on suitable resources to support accessible information about the card and the development of training resources for call

operators and the police.

The South Wales Police training and development department has used the resources to train around 350 call operators. Karen also scripted and recorded an online training clip for officers which will be made available via the police internal network.

Karen said: "The awards were given by the police force so was nice to be recognised as an external agency. I am very happy to be involved and hope one day it become an all-Wales scheme that covers everybody."

"The card helps to provide early notification of someone's needs so they can get the appropriate support. It is helping give someone a voice that might have previously gone unheard."

The free scheme, which has more than 300 users registered on its secure database, is already making difference.

SAFE RETURN

Karen said one registered service user who regularly travels independently from his home in Cardiff had come to the attention of police in Merthyr.

Police asked him if he had a Keep Safe Card and were then able to support him

appropriately and contact relevant people to ensure his safe return.

She said: "Some people with learning disabilities can get in the wrong place at the wrong time. Having the card meant he wasn't detained and wasn't subjected to a mental health assessment which saved not only time and resources for the police and health service but also minimised distress and confusion for the individual. It was great to hear feedback like that."

ABMU's professional head of speech and language therapy Christine Griffiths said: "We are really proud of

Vale railway line celebrates its 10 year anniversary

TEN years ago on Friday, June 10, 2005, the official reopening of the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Line took place, the first time since the early 1960s that passenger services had run on the railway line.

Minister for economy, science and transport Edwina Hart and Jane Hutt AM, together with Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration at the Vale Council, visited Llantwit Major Station on Wednesday, June 10 to mark the 10 year anniversary.

Since 2005 the hourly train service has gone from strength to strength with the railway line experiencing over a 10 per cent growth in passengers since the line reopened with over 340,000 passenger journeys undertaken on the railway line in 2014.

To mark the anniversary special, souvenir pens were given out to passengers and locals by Vale Council transport staff on Arriva Trains and at Rhosce and Llantwit Major stations.

Coun Lis Burnett, said: "The station at Llantwit Major offers the

opportunity for visitors to come to the historic town and to visit its extensive shops and lovely beach.

"It has an excellent park and ride for those using the car to access the train service, and is also served by frequent buses and has cycle storage facilities for those passengers who wish to cycle to the station."

A free prize draw run by Arriva Trains Wales has also been launched offering customers a chance to win one of three return journeys for two people travelling together anywhere on the Arriva Trains Wales network, with the condition that the journey either starts or ends at either Llantwit Major or Rhosce Cardiff Airport.

To enter, customers must visit www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk/VOG-PrizeDraw before 5pm on June 22.

READER'S POEM

THE following poem was sent in by GEM reader Mrs V Slade (aged 91) of Barry:

Dawn

Morning breaketh, day awaketh,
Rosy dawn is o'er us.
Birds are twittering, dewdrops glistening
Bright the way before us.
Larks their heavenward journey wending
fill the air with singing,
Whilst from hill and dale ascending
joyous notes are ringing.
Night with her dreams and fancies
flies, as the dawn advances,
Casting her blushing glances here and there.
Flowers that rejoice to meet her
Lift up their heads to greet her
Ne'er were kisses sweeter,
charms more fair.
Drowsy and dull the wings of night are o'er us.
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Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, BCT and Porthcawl areas and Phil is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've

done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated."

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News from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg

CONGRATULATIONS to the following pupils on their success at the Urdd eisteddfod in Caerphilly.

First: Nel Lewis and Huw Jones: Duet years 7-9. Dramatic Presentation years 7-9.

Second: Recitation Group year-10 and under 19 - Manon Ogwen Parry; Girls Solo year-10 and under 19.

Third: Duet year-10 and under 19 - Manon Ogwen Parry and Llinos

Jones.

In addition to the stage competitions, pupils took part in a variety of other competitions. These are the results from off the stage.

Puppet or Mask years 7, 8 and 9: Cadi Haf Rhys Binney (3rd). CogUrdd (Cookery years 7-9): Beca Berry (4th).

National Science Society's mathematical competition

This competition for secondary school pupils

was established in 1983, with support from the National Science Society.

The competition organiser is Gareth Ffowc Roberts, Bangor University. The competition is open to year-8 pupils.

All applicants will receive a certificate, and those who have reached a very high standard will receive a prize. In association with the Urdd, these prizes are awarded each year at the Urdd National eisteddfod.

This year, 842 pupils took part, with 120 reaching an excellent standard. Along with a further 10, Huw Jones reached an exceptional standard.

Well done to everyone who took part!

The Wizard of Oz

DURING half term sixth form pupil Jodi Bird was part of Orbit Theatre's production *The Wizard of Oz*. The show received multiple glowing reviews in the press. Well done, Jodi and all the cast!

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VALEPLUS

VALEPLUS holds a coffee morning and presentation of certificates on Friday, June 26 at 10.30am to 12pm; entrance £1.50 which includes coffee and cake, at 118a High Street, Barry.



Recitation Group.



Huw Jones.



Beca Berry.

Searching for a local artist

I have acquired a painting of Newcastle Church, Bridgend.

It is signed CJ Jones and on the back is written Newcastle Church, NFS, Cliff Jones. I am so pleased to have the painting, I have a very strong, sentimental, family attachment to Newcastle Hill.

I would love to know who the artist is, just to complete the story. If anyone has any information, please telephone 01656 650881. Thank you.

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ROYALS JOIN IN WI CELEBRATIONS

AT the June meeting of Sker WI, president Nora welcomed members and referred to the considerable media coverage of the centenary celebrations and events throughout the UK.

Secretary Cynthia read the minutes for approval and notices of upcoming events.

The speakers were representatives from the Shaw Trust, a charity started in Wiltshire 30 years ago to help disabled and disadvantaged people to find work.

To date, hundreds of thousands have been helped. Government funding assists the charity and their 50 shops throughout the UK, the Porthcawl shop being one of seven in Wales.

The WI centenary annual meeting was held at the Royal Albert Hall this month, when the Queen opened the meeting accompanied by the Princess Royal and Sophie, Countess of

Wessex.

At the Gwyn Hall, Neath, a live screening was relayed onto a huge cinema screen. It was thrilling to watch, and plain to see that the royal ladies also enjoyed the informal and happy atmosphere of this unique occasion.

This was highlighted when the Queen had difficulty in cutting through the (extremely rich) fruit cake. Great hilarity erupted when the knife got stuck and Princess Anne stepped forward to lend a hand, to rapturous applause.

They were delighted when presented with cake to take home, saying that despite cutting cakes on countless occasions, it

was rare to actually get to sample it! All three Royals presented annual prizes and they were each presented with flowers.

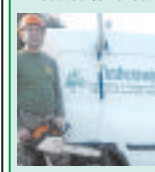
Speakers Lucy Worsley, Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson and Helena Morrissey contributed immensely to the occasion.

Final arrangements were made for the WI museum and riverboat trip in Swansea, with evening meal later this month, and summer fair (July 17) at Trinity Church. Visitors and new members welcome. Contact secretary Cynthia on 01656 786218.

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NEWS FROM FONMON APIARY

by HAROLD WILLIAMS

SWARMS and more swarms is the order of the day! My own bees have swarmed and calls are coming in all of the time.

This month is proving to be a very active one. The swarming of bees is a perfectly natural event; it is after all how the species ensures its survival.

What was one colony will now become two. One of the major triggers that bring about a swarm is usually the lack of space in the hive; at this time of the year, a queen bee can be laying up to 2,000 eggs per day! Why this may be?

Well, the life of a worker bee (all workers are female) is measured in weeks – six weeks is about all they last – they literally work themselves to death to provide for the needs of the colony, so new bees are a must if a colony is to survive.

What is the format of our

beehives we talk about? They are, in essence, wooden boxes set upon a base (floor). However, the dimensions of these simple boxes have to be accurate – because precision in honeycomb manufacture is something that the bees excel at.

There is within the hive a very definite bee space! This space is there so that the bees can manoeuvre between the wooden frames that we beekeepers insert into a hive.

In their turn, these wooden frames have to be constructed to precise measurements to maintain that required bee space.

The bees will not tolerate any dimensional infidelity on the part of the beekeeper.

So what is the bee space? It is 6mm. When a frame is inserted into the hive it is so constructed that it meets the demands of the bees: it is shy of the internal walls by this magic number and also has

the same spacing on its underside.

Trying to describe this bee space is not too straightforward, but those of you reading this article would soon understand if you ever got to observe the inner workings of a beehive.

So room to expand has to exist within a beehive; the beekeeper can add extra boxes to provide the bees with more room and, hopefully, control swarming – but things don't always go to plan and after all swarming is how the species ensures its survival.

The poor beekeepers are left nonplussed when, despite their best efforts, their bees decide to depart...

This beekeeping year is producing a variety of conditions and the bees are handling the variable weather well enough. Will we get a honey crop this year? Who knows! As always, the weather is the dominant factor in the honey bee's world.

Join the ladies only night time walk for the Ty Hafan hospice

WOMEN are being asked to don their favourite onesies for a night-time stroll on Ty Hafan's Wales Onesie Walk in Cardiff city centre on June 26 – to support life-limited children and their families from across Wales.

Starting and finishing at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium, walkers will be taking part in a 5k or a 10k stroll, after live entertainment from the Rock Choir, special appearances from Captain Jack Sparrow and Anna Ryder Richardson, face painters, theatrical makeovers, and sports demonstrations.

The event, sponsored by Cardiff's Walkabout – the official venue of the Wales Onesie Walk after-party – is Ty Hafan's fifth night-time walk.

Emily Fradd, Ty Hafan's marketing and events Officer, said: "Ty Hafan cares for many children throughout Wales who have been born with a life-limiting condition – such conditions can require round-the-clock care. We are asking ladies to give up one night so they can support parents who rarely get a good night's sleep."

The Wales Onesie Walk is a ladies-only event starting at 10pm. Men are not being left out as Ty Hafan needs male marshals to provide a clear and safe route for the ladies taking part.

Emily added: "It's a magical night-time walk, with the camaraderie between the hundreds of women taking part, creating a wonderful atmosphere. As well as the walk, there will be pamper sessions, music, games and prizes before the event, and the usual glow packs and giveaways on offer."

Entry is £10 per person and each walker is asked to raise £50 in sponsorship. To register or for more information, please visit www.walesonesiewalk.co.uk.

Top award for nurseries owner



Little Inspirations Nurseries owner Jenine Gill (centre), with staff members Samantha Jones Williams (right) and Aimee Griffiths.

THE owner of three children's nurseries has won a top Vocational Qualifications (VQ) Award.

Jenine Gill, who employs 55 staff at Little Inspirations children's nurseries in Llantrisant, Rhydyfelin and Barry, was named VQ Employer of the Year at the Wales awards ceremony held at St David's Hotel, Cardiff.

The awards, which celebrate the achievements of both learners and employers across Wales, were held on the eve of VQ Day across the UK.

Dancers at charity garden party

TEAM WALES



Intrepid volunteers tackling Taff trail for Greyhound Rescue

TEN intrepid volunteers will be walking 55 miles along the Taff Trail tomorrow (Friday, June 19) to help raise funds for Greyhound Rescue Wales.

Starting in Brecon at 8am, they will follow the trail for three days, passing through Merthyr Tydfil, Nantgarw, and finishing at Roald Dahl Plas in

Cardiff Bay on Sunday (June 21) at around 1pm.

They will be joined for the final 2.5 miles by around 40 greyhounds and their owners, to walk the last stretch to the Bay.

The event has already seen the team raise almost £3,000, and they hope to raise much more with the public's help.

A garden party, in aid of Cancer Research Wales and Team Wales for the Dance World Cup, will be held in the Old Hall Gardens, Cowbridge this Sunday (June 21) at 3pm.

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Out and About with The GEM

Open Studio Trail events

FOLLOWING on from the success of last year's inaugural summer festival Open Studio Trail, Penarth artists are once again opening their doors to the public. Last year saw a steady stream of visitors throughout the day.

The feedback was very enthusiastic, but many said it was difficult to visit all the studios in the course of one day. Therefore all the studios will be open both on Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5, from 10am - 4pm.

The trail will be showcasing 11 artists' studios, with 20 artists taking part, and will allow people to discover the diverse artistic talent in Penarth. There should be something for everyone as fine art, glass, ceramics, textiles and jewellery will be on show.

Refreshments will be available at most studios with a donation to Penarth Town Council's nominated charity Santa Clause Benevolent Fund, which provides food parcels to the

elderly in Penarth at Christmas time.

The walking trail is situated all around Penarth Town centre and many of the artists are grouped close together: Plymouth Road - Corrine Butcher, Judy Stephens, Cathy O'Doherty; Stanwell Road/Archer Road - Angelina Hall, Fran Whiteside, Jill Schoenmann; Victoria Road - Shirley Anne Owen & Geraldus John, Pauline Williams; Church Road/Windsor Terrace - Judith Martin Jones, The Penarth Group featuring Guy Woolees, Diana Mead, Chris Taylor and Steve John; Dryden Road - Anne Morgan, Bill Chambers, Ruth Harris, Ruth Shelley, Paul Wearing, Helen Lush.

Trail maps are available at most SIP participating Penarth shops, and also Rowley's The Jewellers, Artisans Corner, Penarth Library, Penarth Pier Pavilion and Penarth Town Council (West House).

Vale AM's surgery

JANE Hutt, the Assembly Member for the Vale, will be holding a surgery at Murchfield Hall, Dinas Powys tomorrow (Friday, June 19) from 4pm - 5pm. No appointment necessary. **Meet the volunteers** TO celebrate Small Charity Week, the volunteering team at Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) will be at John Street bandstand in Porthcawl town centre this Friday, June 19 from 10am - 3pm.

Small charity week celebrates and raises the profile of small charities; BAVO provides a county-wide volunteer centre offering a one-stop resource on all aspects of volunteering, with over 30 registered voluntary organisations offering a wide range of opportunities to match your skills and interests.

For further details, call BAVO, 01656 810400 or email bavo@bavo.org.uk.

Charity fun day

A FAMILY fun day takes place on Sunday, June 21 from 11am - 4pm at Dexters Tea Room, Felindre,

News in brief

Pencoe.

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Contact Sian Morris on 07970 400553 or Marged Griffiths on 07725 557240. All money raised for Cymorth i Cerys.

Mayor's coffee

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Emma Pritchard, will be hosting a coffee morning on Monday, June 22 at Ty Hapus, 163 Holton Road, Barry CF63 4HP at 10am to 12pm in aid of the charities Ty Hapus and MND (Motor Neurone Disease) Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan.

For more information, contact 01446 704921, or email julechard@barrystownco uncil.gov.uk.

Health AGM

THE Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Community Health Council will hold its annual general meeting on Monday, June 22, at 6.30pm in committee room 1, County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff.

Benefits advice

FOR anyone needing advice on benefits, Age Connects Cardiff and

Vale run a monthly free welfare rights service.

An adviser will be available on Tuesday, June 23 (9.30am to 11.30am) at Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry; no appointment is needed.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Summer in the garden

THE Llantwit Major Horticultural Society meeting on Wednesday, June 24 at 7.30pm in the Llantonian Hall will be an illustrated talk by Kevin Thomas.

He will show how a careful choice of plants can give optimum colour in your garden all summer. Kevin will also bring along a small selection of plants for sale.

All are welcome. The hall is just off the Boverton Road behind the library at the back of the Rugby Club car park, admission is free and we look forward to seeing you.

Tax advice

THE next surgery to offer free, professional help and advice to pensioners with income tax queries or problems will be held at Pencoe library on Thursday, July 2. Regular surgeries are also held at CAB offices, Bridgend.

To book an appointment people can telephone 08456 013321.

OPEN GARDENS

THE following gardens will open to the public as part of the National Gardens Scheme: Hafod y Milgi, Heol y Wenallt, Thornhill, Glamorgan, CF83 1ND.

We love our garden and have enjoyed finding plants that survive in this elevated and sometimes windy position.

The aim has been to create sheltered places to sit and enjoy the pond, flowers and views of Nofydd Valley and Garth Mountain.

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Opening information: June 20-21 (2pm-5pm), admission £3, child free, home-made teas.

Eric and Angharad Roberts.

Castle Upon Alun House, St Brides Major, Bridgend, CF32 0TN.

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Opening information: Sunday, June 21 (2pm-6pm). Admission £5, child free. Home-made teas.

Lady Ink.

Cefn Cribwr Garden Club, Cefn Cribwr, Bridgend, CF32 0AP.

Cefn Cribwr Gardening Club is the heart of a friendly community.

The 11 diverse gardens vary from the local school allotments, an exposed mature garden, a recycled garden, a garden that has its own composting system, a children's garden, a rustic garden, an artists' garden, a productive vegetable garden, a quaint chapel garden, a water garden and lastly a small fascinating garden. Just about something for everyone!

Craft stalls, games, raffles, teas, plant stall, local school competition and table top sale, all in Green Hall Community Centre.

Opening information: Sunday, June 21 (11am-5pm). Combined admission £4, child free. Tea at Green Hall Community Centre.

The gardens in this group are: 13 Bedford Road; 6 Bedford Road; Bryn Terrace; Cefn Cribwr Primary School and Allotments; Cefn Methodist Church; 77 Cefn Road; 25 East Avenue; 15 Green Meadow; Hill Top; 6 Tai Thorn; 21 West Avenue.

Heronbridge School, Ewenny Road, Bridgend, CF31 3HT.

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Opening information: Sunday, June 21 (1pm - 4pm). Admission £3, child free. Home-made teas.

Visitors also welcome by arrangement March to October for any size group. Admission £3, child free. Light refreshments.

Heronbridge School; 01446 710423; broadclose1@btinternet.com.

Overton and Port Eynon Gardens, Overton Lane, Swansea, SA3 1NR.

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Opening information: Sunday, June 21 (2pm - 5.30pm). Combined admission £4, child free. Home-made teas at The Bays Farm, Overton.

The gardens in this group are: The Bays Farm; 6 The Boarlands; Box Boat Cottage; Old Fort Farm; Ty'r Gwynt; Westcliffe House.

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Awarded silver medal (for category) RHS Flower Show Cardiff.

Opening for NGS: Tuesday, June 23, Tuesday, July 21, Tuesday, August 11, Tuesday, September 1 (10am-5pm). Admission £3, child free.

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Dyffryn past takes shape in the present

WORK goes on apace at Dyffryn Gardens to finish the gardens before the summer holidays, as gardeners, conservationists and builders help restore lacklustre gardens to

their former glory.

So far on the list of completed works is repointing paving, re-rendering buildings and restoring fountains to working order, but the list is much longer.

This week marks the sixth week of the

restoration work starting and an extensive amount of work has been completed. Workmen and expert conservators have been on-site continuously and working together to meet the end of July deadline.

The expert team from Cliveden conservation has refitted the fountain, cleaned all the stonework and are currently working on repairing the statues.

Hazel Robinson, plant propagator at National Trust Dyffryn Gardens said: "The next stage will be adding in the new planting schemes which we have been growing in the horticultural yard. They'll have a huge and colourful impact virtually overnight so will really bring the garden rooms to life."

"The work will be going on throughout June and July which may mean occasional disruption to the areas; however, the house and gardens will remain open as normal. Stop by over the spring and summer to see the gardens transform."

For more information, visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryn-gardens.

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BEMs FOR TWO LOCAL PEOPLE AND... Now it's 'Sir Gareth' after Queen's Birthday Honours



Sir Gareth Edwards.
(Photo supplied by the
Welsh Rugby Union).



ABOVE: Jean Schofield,
pictured at a recent KRUF event.

THREE Bridgend county borough residents were honoured in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List – and leading the way was Welsh rugby great Gareth Edwards – now Sir Gareth, after receiving a Knighthood.

There were also honours for Jean Schofield of Porthcawl, and Doug John of Pencoed, who both received a British Empire Medal.

received her BEM for her work on behalf of kidney research, and Mr John received his in recognition of his work in the community.

The Welsh Rugby Union congratulated the legendary Wales and British and Irish Lions international, who won 53 caps for Wales between 1967 and 1978, 13 as captain, along with 10 caps for the British and Irish Lions – while taking part in victorious tours of New Zealand in 1971 and South Africa in 1974.

In 2003, a Rugby World magazine poll named him as the greatest player of all time, and in 2007 he was awarded a CBE.

WRU president, Dennis Gethin, said: "Gareth Edwards fully deserves the honour of a Knighthood for the incredible contribution to rugby he has made both on and off the field.

"His reputation as a player is possibly unparalleled and since retiring from the game he has continued to be a powerful ambassador for rugby both in Wales and around the world. I had the privilege of playing in the same Cardiff team as Gareth and I am proud to regard him as a friend."

WRU chairman, Gareth Davies, added: "He epitomises the values of fair play and courage which are central to rugby and in his off the field career as a broadcaster and businessman he remains a great ambassador for our game.

"Everyone who knows Gareth regards him as a true gentleman who is always approachable, courteous and welcoming despite his towering reputation as one of rugby's true



Doug John during his recent year of office as Mayor of Pencoed.
(Photo by Mandy Thomas.)

greats." Jean Schofield has been a stalwart of the Porthcawl fundraising branch of Kidney Research for many years – her involvement is personal too, 27 years ago she donated a kidney to her son.

She told The GEM: "We've had an active fundraising group in Porthcawl for 26 years now, and it has been wonderful to be a part of it.

"Membership is growing and new members bring new fundraising ideas. I really do see this award as honouring the group, rather than me."

She said that money raised goes to the Kidney Wales Foundation and to Cardiff and Morriston Hospital.

She added: "We ask the hospitals what they need and then see if we can supply it."

Coun Doug John has served on both Bridgend County Borough Council and Pencoed Town Council, and has been Mayor of both.

During his time as Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, he launched the successful 'Green Light Laser' appeal for a new machine to operate on men with benign prostate disease.

Calls made for a Vale councillor to step down after 'betrayal of trust'

THERE have been calls for Vale councillor Rob Curtis to resign after he issued a statement last week confirming that he had pleaded guilty to a charge of common assault.

In his statement, Coun Curtis said that while working as a volunteer warden on Skomer Island, he had placed his hand on the leg of a female volunteer, intending it as a "friendly gesture".

He went on to say that he had accepted the charge of common assault in the hope of "bringing this stressful matter to an end".

However, Coun Shirley Hodges, Plaid Cymru group leader on Barry Town Council, said: "Being a councillor, on the Vale Council or Barry Town Council, is a position of trust – and I believe he has betrayed that trust."

"I'm angry that he portrayed himself as some kind of victim of the judicial system in his 'public apology' published in the press.

"The only possible outcome is for Robert Curtis to resign as a councillor, and if the Labour Party allow him to continue to represent their party, then it undermines all of the work they have done in the Assembly on gender equality and ending violence against women."

Dennis Harkus of Barry also wrote to The GEM, expressing concerns. He said: "His self-referral to the Ombudsman may give the impression to some of a bold and noble gesture, but a referral to his voters would have been the more honourable thing to do".

WARD SURGERY

THE Labour Vale and Town councillors for Buttrills and Court wards, Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans and Stuart Egan, will be holding their regular, monthly advice surgery this Saturday (June 20) from 10am till 11am in the small community room of Barry Library Kings Square. No appointment is necessary.

Welsh Government springs a surprise on council mergers

AFTER months of speculation in the light of the Williams Commission's plan to reduce the number of councils in Wales, the Welsh Government has surprised commentators with its own preferred two options, writes PHILIP IRWIN.

It plans to cut the number of councils by more than the commission suggested, and is looking to reduce the number from 22 to either eight or nine.

For the two councils in The GEM's circulation area, it's a case of 'as expected' for the Vale, but it's quite a surprise for Bridgend (BCBC).

While the Vale Council is expected to join with Cardiff, Bridgend is being lined up as part of a trio with Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT) and Merthyr.

In effect, it is a return to the old pre-1995 boundaries, as the Vale and Cardiff become what used to be south Glamorgan, and BCBC, RCT and Merthyr go back to the old mid-Glamorgan set up.

However, speaking on Radio Wales, the former BCBC leader, Jeff Jones (now a local government consultant) said that the reorganisation was dependent on Labour winning a majority at next year's Assembly elections, as none of the opposition parties had shown any inclination to support these proposals.

He said that there was a potential for old resentments to resurface, as in South Glamorgan days, the Vale had felt squeezed out by the dominance of

Cardiff, while in Mid-Glamorgan, Merthyr had felt that Bridgend had the dominant position.

From a purely monetary point of view, it appears that Vale council tax payers will benefit, as Cardiff sets a lower rate than the Vale, so presumably an equalising out exercise would see Vale rates fall and Cardiff rates rise.

From the same standpoint, Bridgend council tax payers look set to lose out, as BCBC sets the lowest rate of the trio, meaning that a similar levelling out would mean a council tax rise!

It makes no difference to the Vale or Bridgend whether the Welsh Government opts for eight or nine. Two north Wales authorities, Isle of Anglesey, Gwynedd, Conwy and Denbighshire, and also Flintshire and Wrexham, would combine into one if the 'eight' option was taken.

Public Service Minister Leighton Andrews said: "The case for fewer local authorities in Wales is compelling and widely accepted. We cannot afford to miss this opportunity to reform and reshape our councils to drive funding into improving frontline services.

"I want to emphasise this is not a final decision. It is the next phase in our public debate. Following that, we will publish and consult on a draft 'Mergers and Reform' Bill in the autumn.

"This will include further, formal consultation on our proposals for local authority mergers and include a Regulatory Impact Assessment.

LDP is 'a sham' – councillor

A Dinas Powys councillor has told The GEM he believes the new LDP is little more than "a sham".

Chris Franks, Plaid Cymru, a Vale and community councillor, gave evidence before the Vale's environment committee on Tuesday evening, June 16, but said the meeting was a "missed opportunity".

He said: "It was very disappointing. It was an opportunity for the public to have its say on the LDP, but the only people there were from Dinas Powys, because we told them (about the meeting).

"I gave evidence and said that the community council took the LDP very seriously, and we were disappointed that the views of the community council had been ignored.

"We feel the LDP is a sham. It hasn't addressed traffic problems and

public transport issues. We are also disappointed by the number of houses proposed – the numbers are guesswork."

Coun Steve Thomas, who also sits on Dinas Powys Community Council, was another who gave evidence

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Old School House is a mixed cottage garden with mature shrubs.

Plant sale. Opening information: Sunday, June 28 (2pm - 6pm). Combined admission £5, child admitted free. Home-made teas at Village Hall.

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St Fagans Church Primary School, Drope Road, Cardiff, Glamorgan

CF5 4SZ.

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Opening information: Sunday, June 28 (1pm - 5pm). Admission £3, child admitted free. Home-made teas.

The future of Rhooose Library

THE Vale Council has decided to close several libraries in the Vale unless a community group comes forward with a bid to run the library on a voluntary basis.

Deadlines were set by the council for an 'Expression of Interest' to be submitted which I am pleased to confirm was submitted in time and accepted by the council. The next important phase is the drafting of a business plan for submission to the Vale by July 12 and while a great deal of work has already been done it is now essential that we consult the public.

There will be a public meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday, June 23 at Rhooose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhooose. I am pleased with the progress made in such a short time but we now need the support of the people at our meeting to give their views of our draft business plan and ideas for the services that the Rhooose Community Library should provide.

Jeff James, Councillor for Rhooose



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"I believe the growth of the company is due in no small part to its ability to respond at short notice to client demand anywhere in the UK and EU member states, tailoring courses specifically to clients' requirements."

"New courses are continually being developed, adding to the services provided."

The company has two training centres in south Wales, one at its head office at Sully Moors Road, and another one in Baglan, Port Talbot. It employs 25 people which includes registered instructors and administration staff.

"Listen to clients"

Deborah Boyle, the course development manager, recalled a recent example of the fast-moving nature of the business.

"We listen to clients and respond very quickly to their needs. A Glasgow company contacted us and asked whether we could run a first aid course the next day. We had someone catching a flight that afternoon!"

"Sometimes companies will win a tender and be required to work on a site at short notice, with correct accreditation, and we will step in with weekend or evening courses to help clients."



ABOVE: Barry Training Services' instructor Graham received great feedback on the recent IOSH 'Managing Safety' course for Communitas which was delivered at TATA, Port Talbot.

Deborah added: "We are always happy to tailor courses to suit clients' needs."

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Maria Battle, chair of Cardiff and Vale UHB, Richard Edwards, area commissioner Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Scouts Association; Jack Hardman, community liaison for the Scout Association, Jane Hutt, AM.

Scouts hand over £500 'treasure' to breast centre

THE Breast Centre at University Hospital Llandough (UHL) was handed a £500 windfall after local Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides took part in a sponsored Roman treasure ramble to raise money for the charity.

About 150 Scout and Guide personnel started their ramble from the ruins of the Roman fort on the Knap, Barry, along the Barry

Heritage Trail and visited a number of places of interest along the way. At each stop there was a team challenge to complete.

Ms Hutt said: "It is wonderful to see the Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides raising funds for the pioneering Breast Centre at Llandough Hospital.

"I felt very honoured to be invited to join them for the presentation.

"The contribution they have made to the charity will really help make a difference."

Merthyr Mawr WI hears a tale of Dyffryn

PRESIDENT Margaret Batten welcomed everyone to the June meeting. Unfortunately, the speaker for the evening was unavailable —but luckily, member Gwerfil Gardner stepped into the breach.

Gwerfil gave an interesting talk about the history of Dyffryn House. There was a house, belonging to the Bishop of Llandaff, on the site as early as the 7th century. In Elizabethan times, the house was known as Cwrt Defaid and it became known as Dyffryn in the 18th century when it was sold to the Pryce family, who built a Georgian manor house on the site.

In 1891, the house passed into the hands of the Cory family. This family originated from Devon and were traders, moving goods between Cardiff, Devon and Ireland. The Cory family progressed from being traders to becoming shipping agents and then with the boom of Cardiff they became ship owners and colliery owners.

The family was also known for philanthropic

work in the community. The house and estate were sold in the 1930s to Sir Cennydd Traherne, who really only wanted the house and gardens to the county for educational purposes.

The house was then used for courses and conferences, but the fabric of the house fell into disrepair. The National Trust became involved with Dyffryn just over two years ago and it is gradually being restored.

Two members, Enid Connick and June Henry, were lucky to be chosen to go the recent garden party held at Buckingham Palace as part of the celebrations for the centenary of the WI.

The party was hosted by the Duchess of Cornwall, Princess Alexandra, The Countess of Wessex and the Duchess of Gloucester.

They had a wonderful time, the fashions were lovely and the food was delicious.

Our ladies were extremely fortunate as they were singled out to be introduced to the Duchess of Gloucester.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 1, at 7pm in Ewenny Community Hall, new members are always welcome. **FC**

Sammy the spaniel saves dumped kittens

ON a day when cat owners are encouraged to pause and hug their pets, seven four-week-old kittens were dumped in a box on Maerdy Mountain.

Fortunately for them, Super Dog Sammy used his sniffing powers to alert his owners to their plight.

Sammy, a springer spaniel, was being walked by his owner Leanne Crockett and her father Steven when he made the discovery.

Mr Crockett said: "We were just walking on Maerdy Mountain when Sammy happened to come across the box; he would normally have left it alone, but on this occasion he stopped and started sniffing the box."

"We went over to investigate and discovered the kittens in the box."

The kittens were taken into the care of Cats Protection Bridgend Adoption Centre. Sue Dobbs, centre manager, said: "The kittens were in good body condition but very frightened and some of them had flu symptoms."

"They are around four weeks old and far



Photo by Sue Dobbs.

too young to be away from their mum. It was very fortunate that Sammy found them and alerted his owners. The kittens wouldn't have survived long without their mum in those temperatures.

"The kittens have been named Kisses, Snuggles, Cariad, Smooch, Hugs, Cuddles and Cwtch; they are being hand-reared and receiving 24 hr TLC by their fosterers."

"We would urge owners to get their pet cats neutered as they are such prolific breeders."

Just one unneutered cat can produce up to 18 offspring in a year, so neutering will help to prevent more unwanted kittens like these in the future."

The appealing kittens will be made available for adoption. For assistance with neutering your cat, call Cats Protection helpline on 03000 12 12 12.

For advice about caring for a cat, or to offer a cat a home, call the centre on 01656 724396 or email bridgend@cats.org.uk **SB**

NEWS IN BRIEF

ST Richard Gwyn fashion show takes place today, (Thursday, June 18) from 6pm-8pm.

Tickets, adults £2, children £1.50, are available on the door.

Entertainment and refreshments provided. All proceeds to Ty Hafan.

Legal advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a free legal advice session on June 23 (10am to 12 midday) at The Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

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The park is open... and Jurassic World is a thrills 'n' spills blockbuster ride!

IN 1993, *Jurassic Park* genuinely blew people's minds. Steven Spielberg's blockbuster was an incredible film full of fun, fear and spectacle, and found plenty of love from audiences around the world.

Spielberg went darker with 1997's *The Lost World*, a film that has its moments, before a third entry, directed

by Joe Johnson, hit cinema screens in 2001, lacking the magic and sparkle of previous outings and making less than half of *The Lost World*'s box office.

A fourth outing has been off-mooted but until now has remained on the backburner, with *Jurassic World* finally hitting cinema screens.

Isla Nublar (the island from the first film) is now a fully-functioning park, headed by operations manager Claire (Bryce Dallas Howard) and

dinosaur trainer Owen (Chris Pratt), who has managed to form a relationship with the dreaded velociraptors.

All is going well at the park, until a dinosaur that has been genetically spliced together, known as the Indominus Rex, and intended to boost attendance levels, gets loose – and as the danger level in the park rises, Claire's nephews (Nick Robinson and Ty Simpkins) get caught up in the deadly events and Nick and his team are sent on a rescue operation...

Stepping into the shoes of Steven Spielberg is a tough enough task, but when it comes to making a further instalment of the *Jurassic Park* franchise, then those shoes are T-Rex-sized. Arguably both Spielberg and Joe Johnson struggled to match the epic scale of the first film, so with Colin Trevorrow (director of only one film before this, indie time-traveller *Safety Not Guaranteed*) the latest to try his hand, the question is has he succeeded?

The answer is, in the main, yes; showing an ambition and confidence belying his inexperience, Trevorrow has crafted a film that is



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very much in thrall to that first outing, but stands on its own two feet as a thrilling and thoroughly entertaining popcorn blockbuster.

Things have changed since 1993, in terms of effects and also in terms of people's expectations of blockbusters; what was jaw-dropping then, is easily considered run-of-the-mill now, and it's something that *Jurassic World* references several times, whether it's audiences becoming blasé about seeing dinosaurs roaming the earth and the park looking for bigger and more exciting attractions, or kids being caught up in their

smartphones rather than taking in the spectacle the park has to offer.

It means that this time around, there is work to be done to try and persuade audiences, yet also to satisfy the numerous fans that the franchise has, something the film takes great pains to address and they run that tightrope very well, even if it sometimes harks back a little too much at times.

The main 'story beats' (children whose parents are getting divorced get lost in the park, adults with child intimacy issues, company men with nefarious schemes) all feel fully realised thanks to the first film, while several set-pieces, although cleverly nodding to the first film, feel a little too familiar.

Also there are some plot points (one ruminating on the idea of velociraptors being used as a surrogate armed forces) that don't quite work that well in the overall scheme of things.

However, to concentrate on this does Trevorrow and company a great disservice, as this is patently a passion

project for the director, and one he handles with aplomb. He shows a wonderful ability to meld CGI and real animatronics together, creating a world that is both spectacular and also realistic, while the film has the look and feel of Spielberg's original offering but without slavishly copying it.

The new addition to the dinosaur villains' gallery, the Indominus Rex, is suitably violent and deadly (perhaps the key reason for the 12A certificate), a fearsome amalgamation of several animals and dinosaurs that is less an attraction and more a lean, mean killing machine.

The human characters feel a little two-dimensional, yet imbued with character by the performers, so Chris Pratt's stoically heroic man of action, Bryce Dallas Howard's uptight manager, and Ty Simpkins and Nick Robinson's wide-eyed youngster and phone-obsessed teenager respectively, are all given extra shades thanks to the performers.

As summer blockbusters go, *Jurassic World* is an assured, wildly-

entertaining thrill ride of a film, overseen by a director whose first shot at the big leagues is a success – the whiff of nostalgia is more than prevalent, but when it comes to this franchise, what's not to love about that?

VERDICT: A shot of nostalgia but a thrill ride on its own terms,

Jurassic World is an entertaining blockbuster that's difficult not to enjoy. Treading the line between offering something fresh and exciting, and harking back to the franchise's best moments, this is a strong offering. Recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Jurassic Park*

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On Thursday, June 25 at 10am, 'Round and About!', starting at the Merrie Harrier, Llandough, CF64 2NY.

Slow food group is launched at St Fagans

THE new South East Wales Slow Food Group was launched at St Fagans Museum on Saturday by Vale AM Jane Hutt.

She was joined by Vale businesses at the event, including, Barnaby Hibbert, chef patron The Gallery Restaurant in Barry (and vice chair of the South East Wales Slow Food Committee) and Rolant Tomos and Rob Lilford-Micro Brewers Tomos a Lilford, Llantwit Major. She commented: "I was very pleased to launch the South East Wales Slow Food group - it was an extremely informative and enlightening event and I congratulate all those involved. Slow Food's emphasis on nutritious and healthy food from local sources is entirely compatible with the Welsh Government's Food and Drink Action Plan goals and I am delighted that we now have a local Slow Food Group for south east Wales."

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Over 300 cars were expected and the day before the show, the Ford Fanatics' Car Club pleaded to come along adding a further 30!

A couple of old magnificent commercial vehicles also came, joining the 106 Field Company REME Army Reserve with one of their huge eight-wheel drive recovery vehicles.

Buses came from Gloucester, West Midlands and Swansea, boosting the Barry heritage bus collection on display.

Mike Taylor said: "I can only thank the Classic Car people with their support this year, they almost overwhelmed us with something in the order of 330 visiting vehicles, we must now be one of the biggest shows of this type in Wales. The Vale Council staff did a sterling job in helping us on the day too."

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Marathon walk to raise funds for disability centre

A MARATHON walk will take place later this month to raise money for a Vale day centre for people with disabilities.

Two years ago, a walking group was set up at the Scope Skills Centre in Sully, as part of the Vale Fit 4 Wales programme.

The group meets every Tuesday and is made up of 10-12 clients from Scope and three more from supported living, together with support staff.

Last May the group completed a half-marathon walk, which took place over five consecutive days and raised £1,200 for the centre.

Now the walkers are stepping up the challenge – by taking part in a full marathon over six days.

It starts on Monday, June 22, and, with a rest day on the Wednesday, will finish the following Tuesday, June 30.

Joanne Pedrick, ABMU physiotherapy technical instructor working in the Vale learning disabilities community support team

and is involved with the Scope centre, explained:

“As with last year, we will walk a different route each day. On the final day the route will be at Barry Island where all service users, family, friends, support staff and the health team will be invited to cheer the group across the finishing line.

“The walk is a sponsored event and we hope to beat the amount raised last year. The money raised will go to the Scope Skills Centre and used to improve the day centre for the service users.”

Joanne said the walking group, formed in May 2013, had gone from strength to strength: “Through the weekly walks, the group members have really built up their confidence by being out in the community.

“They have all gained a social network of friends and they have developed many independent skills.”

If anyone would like to sponsor the walkers, email joanne.pedrick@wales.nhs.uk.

Mongolian yurts – Llynfi’s best-kept tourism secret!



The Cwm Tawel holiday centre.

SHADOW Welsh Tourism Minister Suzy Davies has praised one of the Llynfi Valley’s “best kept secrets” – a holiday centre at Lletty Brongu, where visitors stay in Mongolian yurts!

The Cwm Tawel holiday centre was set up by residents of Bryn Terrace in Lletty Brongu, who jointly own and run it as a co-operative social enterprise.

The village has had communal allotments for some time but four years ago, they decided to branch out into providing holiday accommodation.

The centre’s only employee is Phil Williams – all the other workers, including his wife Sandra, are volunteers. After the group had their initial idea, they set about importing four Mongolian yurts more usually seen on the vast steppes of their home country.

Phil said: “Initially, we were going to have tipis, but we did some research and realised that the yurts would be better.”

The site was leased from local farmers, Irene and Eiryl Garfield, who have been totally supportive of the plan. After planning permission was obtained, the team set about erecting the yurts – each with its own decking and barbecue area plus a communal round house where the holidaymakers can gather in the evening to socialise and cook in the special oven built for stone.

But the site also boasts a wooden building where a kitchen is located, with its own Rayburn, plus a range of microwaves, kettles, refrigerators and the like.

Next door is a shower block and a series of earth toilets. And there’s also a hot tub heated by a wood boiler. All of this was built by Phil and the volunteers.

The Tory regional AM for South Wales West was very impressed with the entire development: “This is a wonderful concept,” she said. “The location is fabulous with beautiful views of surrounding countryside.

“It’s a great place to just get away from everything but it is also close enough to Llangynwyd, where the visitors can pop into the local pubs for a meal or a drink and also get what they need in local shops. So it brings money into the area and everyone benefits.”

Some of the volunteers are on placement from employment agencies and are taught a variety of skills, including dry stone walling, hedging, wood carving, fencing and gardening.

The centre has a poly tunnel, where the volunteers grow a variety of food stuffs which is on sale to the guests. Craft courses are also available for them.

Guests have come from as far afield as Canada and Australia while others have travelled just a few miles to stay. Each yurt sleeps five people.

Suzy added: “This is a prime example of how a group of people committed to a great idea and made it a success for themselves and the local economy. It has been meticulously planned and executed.

“This is the sort of innovative tourism that Wales needs – something that shows Wales can be about the unexpected as well as the warm welcome.”

WIs have a royal appointment!



LADIES from Glamorgan Federation of WIs were looking forward to a royal garden party.

On June 2, a special garden party took place in the grounds of Buckingham Palace to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the National Federation of Women’s Institutes in Wales, England and the Channel Islands.

One hundred and fifty four excited members from 83 Glamorgan institutes donned their best outfits and headed to London to join 8,000 WI members.

The Duchess of Cornwall, who was joined by the Countess of Wessex and the Duchess of Gloucester, hosted the party.

Although the weather was not kind in the morning, the sun came out at just the right

time and spirits were high. Everyone savoured the amazing atmosphere, the delicious tea and meeting others from all over the country.

Some members even chatted to the royal party. A wonderful occasion, which will be talked about and remembered for a very long time!

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HEALTH STAFF HAVE A WORK OUT AT WORK DAY

HEALTH staff were encouraged to 'Work Out at Work' on June 12 to improve their health and wellbeing in the workplace.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board hosted a number of events at the University Hospital of Wales, University Hospital Llandough (UHL) and Barry Hospital sites to mark the campaign.

A spokesperson reported: "The day came at the right time as staff got to be among the first to try out the new outdoor fitness suite

recently installed at UHL. The six equipment machines have been provided to increase health and wellbeing as well as free access to fitness for staff, patients and visitors.

"The outdoor equipment at the hospital has been designed specifically for public open spaces and is suitable for adults of all ages."

Staff were also encouraged to 'get on their bikes' and contribute to cycling 100km, make a smoothie in the canteen, join in with group fitness classes and seek advice on musculoskeletal

problems from the physiotherapy team.

Simone Joslyn, clinical project lead at Cardiff and Vale UHB said: "Health and wellbeing is important in the workplace and Work Out At Work day not only acts to encourage people to take part in the day's activities but to showcase what activities they have on their doorstep to improve their health and fitness.

"We hope that rather than it be a one-off, staff will feel inspired to make positive and active changes to their lifestyles to improve their overall wellbeing."

SOS – 'Save Our Salmon' plea to all Welsh anglers



Salmon fisherman at work.

ANGLERS are being urged to help conserve fish stocks – by agreeing to release all the salmon and more of the sea trout they catch in 2015.

Natural Resources Wales made the plea this week following reports that salmon numbers in Welsh rivers seriously declined last year and while sea trout numbers were more variable with some rivers performing well, others are showing continuing decline.

"As part of efforts to address this, NRW would like to see anglers release all the salmon and more of the sea trout they catch to ensure more fish migrate upstream to spawn and produce more juvenile fish to help boost stocks," a spokesperson said.

At present, an average

of 78 per cent of salmon and sea trout are released after being caught. Figures from the Wye and Taff, where mandatory 100 per cent catch and release byelaws are in place, suggest that catch and release can have a positive effect on fish stocks.

Both the Wye and Taff have shown an improvement in salmon numbers in 2014 and are now predicted to move out of the 'at risk' category by 2019 thanks to a combination of catch and release and improvements in habitat and water quality.

Fish stocks in a total of 23 salmon and 27 sea trout rivers are assessed annually in Wales and placed in risk categories.

The assessments based on 2014 figures show 23 salmon rivers either 'at risk' or 'probably at risk'.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2015

1. NOTICE is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections 32,33 & 35 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the effect of which is to amend parking charges at the locations specified in the Schedule below.

2. These amended charges shall come into effect from
Monday 13th July 2015

The following Traffic Regulation Orders is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) Order 2014

PROPOSED CAR PARK CHANGING AND ENFORCEMENT

Name of parking place	Scale of charges for parking place (2014/2015)	Scale of charges for parking place (2015/2016)
Rivermouth, Ogmores-by-Sea	From 15 March – 30 September (08:00 – 23:00 hours)* *Evening rate applies when parking after 16:00 hours	Applicable All Year For tickets purchased between 8.00am and 4.00pm 0-1 Hour £ 1.00 1+ Hour £ 5.00 Buses/Coaches £10.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo Motorcycle FREE
	(16:00 – 23:00 hours)* Evening rate	For tickets purchased between 4.01pm and 11.00pm 0-1 Hour £ 1.00 1+ Hour £ 2.00 Buses/Coaches £10.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo Motorcycle FREE
	0-7 hours £2.00	
	From 1 October – 14 March (08:00 – 23:00 hours)	0-12 hours £2.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE

Name of parking place	Scale of charges for parking place (2014/2015)	Scale of charges for parking place (2015/2016)
Brig-Y-Don, Ogmores-by-Sea	From 15 March – 30 September (08:00 – 23:00 hours) *Evening rate applies when parking after 16:00 hours	Applicable All Year For tickets purchased between 8.00am and 4.00pm 0-1 Hour £ 1.00 1+ Hour £ 5.00 Buses/Coaches £10.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo Motorcycle FREE
	(16:00 – 23:00 hours)*	For tickets purchased between 4.01pm and 11.00pm
	Evening rate	0-1 Hour £ 1.00 1+ Hour £ 2.00 Buses/Coaches £10.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo Motorcycle FREE
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	From 1 October – 14 March	0-12 hours £2.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo Motorcycle FREE

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Dated this 18th day of June 2015

M. E. Punter,
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe CF5 6AA.



Name of parking place	Scale of charges for parking place (2014/2015)	Scale of charges for parking place (2015/2016)
Cymlau, Southerndown	From 15 March – 30 September (08:00 – 23:00 hours) *Evening rate applies when parking after 16:00 hours	Applicable All Year For tickets purchased between 8.00am and 4.00pm 0-1 Hour £ 1.00 1+ Hour £ 5.00 Buses/Coaches £10.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo Motorcycle FREE
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Harbour Road Barry Island	From 15 March – 30 September (08:00 – 23:00 hours)* *Evening rate applies when parking after 16:00 hours	Applicable All Year For tickets purchased between 8.00am and 4.00pm 0-1 Hour £ 1.00 1+ Hour £ 5.00 Buses/Coaches £10.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo Motorcycle FREE
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Nell's Point, Barry Island	From 15 March – 30 September (08:00 – 23:00 hours)* *Evening rate applies when parking after 16:00 hours	Applicable All Year For tickets purchased between 8.00am and 4.00pm 0-1 Hour £ 1.00 1+ Hour £ 5.00 Buses/Coaches £10.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo Motorcycle FREE
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	From 1 October – 14 March (08:00 – 23:00 hours)	0-15 hours FREE Buses/Coaches FREE Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo Motorcycle FREE

HISTORY WALKS ARE A FEATURE OF FESTIVAL



Keeper of the Valley' at Maestwelfare Park.

STARTING this Saturday, the Love2Walk Festival (June 20 – 28) will invite walkers of all ages and abilities to pick up some historic tales as they clock up the miles.

The annual walking festival, which is organised by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) in partnership with the Local Access Forum and a team of volunteers, calls on residents to lace up their walking boots or trainers to enjoy a week-long programme of walks that range in difficulty.

Many of this year's walks centre on the Bridgend Nature Keepers – a series of interactive sculptures that can be found in some of Bridgend county borough's most beautiful parks and beauty spots.

Each of the 14 sculptures has a story to

tell about local history and nature which can be uncovered when you download the 'Dare to Discover' app for your smartphone or tablet, so walkers will be able to discover more about sites such as Parc Calon Lan in Blaengarw, Aber Fields in Nantymoel, and Wilderness Lake in Porthcawl.

Other festival highlights include a four-mile history walk around Coity Castle on Saturday, June 20 which will be led by a knowledgeable local guide, an evening bat walk at Bryngarw Country Park on Tuesday, June 23, and a *Gruffalo* story walk for children on Saturday, June 27.

All walks are free of charge, although some require advance booking. For full details about all of the walks, visit www.love2walk.co.uk.

Rain stops Cowbridge first XI

AMAZINGLY, Cowbridge's 1st XI played some cricket on Saturday, a day better suited to whatever indoor occupation took your fancy!

The 1st XI travelled to the pretty and well kept but small ground at Drefach in Carmarthenshire.

In a nutshell the home side scored 218-9 and then it rained.

No further play was possible, the game was abandoned and the 1sts came home. Only points for the abandonment were allocated.

The Drefach wickets were claimed by Skipper Neil Brand, Rian Thomas and the returning Rene Regis, all getting two with Tom Merilaht and Joe Russell getting one each.

Darren van der Vyver was at his splendid best behind the sticks bagging a run out and a stumping.

It is academic to speculate it Cowbridge would have succeeded in chasing the win but given the way they have been batting this year a bookie would have made them favourites.

Frustratingly league leaders Bronwydd actually beat Pontyberem in the same corner of Wales to strengthen their position with Cowbridge still second.

That the 1st XI are not leading is due to

Bronwydd having had better luck with the weather, completing two more games than Cowbridge.

The 1st XI are at home this Saturday to Pwll, the Burry Port based side.

The 2nd XI had no chance of cricket and their game was abandoned suitably early.

The club sends its congratulations to skipper Neil Brand who led the Cardiff MCCU to the MCCU's two-day Championship by winning at Cambridge last week. Cardiff also qualified for the Challenge Final to be played at Lords on June 23.

The MCCU is an MCC funded scheme that provides six university centres with first class coaching and competition. Indeed 22 per cent of all England qualified first class cricketers have been through the scheme.

Former Cowbridge players Tom Warner and Phil Harris are graduates, the coach is Mark O'Leary who has also played at the club and the club president, Jeffrey Bird, is hoping his 11 year stint as the MCC's Mentor to the Cardiff MCCU will draw to a close on a successful note against Leeds/Bradford, alma mata of former skipper Tom Merilaht.

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Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for June 15, the first round of the club championship:

1st Tony Disley & Phil Felman 62.04%, 2nd Steve Burgoyne & John Evans 60.88%, 3rd Mike Best & Kevin Maddox 59.72%.

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MP admires the fascinating artefacts of St Canna's



Alun Cairns MP, Gareth Williams and members of the Friends of St Canna group.

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, joined the committee of St Canna's church in Llangan at an open day to mark the recent building improvements, and view registers and artefacts detailing hundreds of years of history in the village.

The records will be managed by a newly-launched group, Friends of St Canna, based at the church.

The MP admired the "beautifully restored church" and "fascinating" archaeological work in the church grounds.

Countdown to biggest Vale Show yet!

ORGANISERS have already started the countdown to the Vale Show at Fommon Castle on Wednesday, August 12.

The show is the highlight of the Vale summer and the 2015 show is set to be "the biggest yet" with a huge variety of attractions for all the family to enjoy.

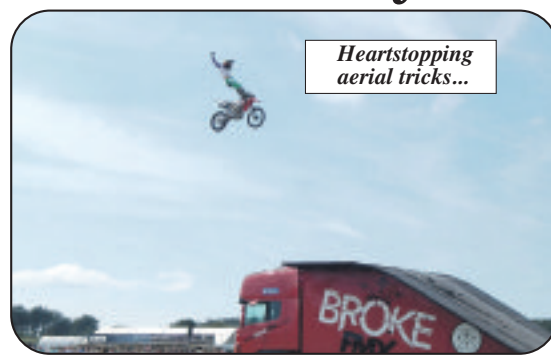
The main ring entertainment at this year's Vale of Glamorgan Show will be the Broke FMX freestyle motocross stunt show. The performance will bring the UK's top ranked freestyle motocross riders to the Vale, performing their heart-stopping aerial tricks.

Visitors to the family show will be able to meet the stunt riders and have a close look at the bikes before and after

the acrobatic stunt show

A spokeswoman said: "There is so much for families to see and do in an action-packed day at the Vale Show... see the livestock in the grand parade, tour the showground on the road train, catch the Punch and Judy show, enjoy the delicious Welsh food in the food court and browse over 250 trade stands. There really is something for everyone."

"For the first time, you can buy early-bird tickets at a reduced price via the show website www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk. For further information, ring 07513 141698. Come and have a fun-filled family day at the show on Wednesday, August 12 at Fommon Castle, near Barry."



CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2015

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Something afoot in Porthcawl!

THERE are plans afoot for Porthcawl again! After more than a decade of disappointment, frustration and sheer bad luck, there are now proposals for redeveloping the Salt Lake car park.

This builds on the work that's been done in the harbour and the plans for the Jennings Building and port area. It seems the new plans include residential and leisure use, as well as a new health centre, which the town will welcome.

We've not yet seen any detail on the plan, and it's not clear what sort of leisure facility it would be and who will pay for it, but it's a start.

It seems a serious proposal and I'm looking forward to seeing more about it in the next few weeks.

Who would you take advice from if you wanted to invest your money? Well, the Chancellor of the Exchequer would be the last person you'd want to see.

Last week he announced that he is going to sell the UK Government's shares in the Royal Bank of Scotland at a loss of £7 billion. That's enough to run the Welsh NHS for a year.

There are serious questions about why he wants to do this and why the taxpayer has to take this loss. Surely it would be better to wait until the bank is in a stronger position and sell the shares at a profit?

I suspect that he is short of money to pay for the manifesto pledges that David Cameron made at the general election and needs to have a fire sale. It's a shame that all of us will have to take the loss.

Cardiff Airport goes from strength to strength. Those who've been there will see the improvements that have been made so that the airport no



by **Carwyn Jones**,
AM for Bridgend
and First Minister

longer looks under siege and the terminal building is far more welcoming.

We've also seen Flybe base aircraft there and are offering more than 12 routes, which is the most significant boost the airport has had for 10 years.

Yet the Welsh Conservatives are still willing it to fail, all because it's Welsh Government owned. They didn't want us to save it, and you get the impression that they would have been happy to see a housing estate at Rhosce and the British Airways base gone.

We decided that the airport was important and when it was offered to the Welsh Government at a realistic price, we bought it. In time, we'll look to get a private investor in, but for now, it's doing well.

I for one would never have wanted to see it disappear, and it's good to see that all those who work at the airport and the surrounding area are being rewarded for their hard work over the years.

WEST END STAR TO HELP TAKE 'CARE' OF PUKKA PRODUCTIONS



Vivien Care (second back left) with 'PUKKA Potential'.

PUKKA Productions welcomed their new patron, Vivien Care, to their Saturday morning Theatre School last week.

She is course leader and founder of the MA Musical Theatre Course at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Originally from Penarth, Vivien trained at the Welsh College of Music and Drama, and then at the Royal Academy of Music in London, where she received the prestigious Mary Hammond Prize.

Since then, she has sustained a busy and varied career in musical theatre, concert, recording, TV and radio, including West End roles in *Les Misérables* and *The Sound of Music*.

Vivien lives in Barry and was keen to become involved with the arts in the local community. PUKKA is a long established Theatre School for ages three to adult and is run entirely for the benefit of its

members, their families and the community.

Vivien said: "I was genuinely delighted to be asked to become PUKKA's new patron, as I just love the enthusiasm and energy of everyone involved. There's a brilliant sense of community and positive encouragement and I'm so happy to be able to use my professional experience to contribute in any way I can."

PUKKA are putting on a performance of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Jesus Christ Superstar* in the Paget Rooms, Penarth from July 29 to August 1. Tickets are £15 and include cabaret seating and complimentary champagne and programme. The Friday and Saturday evening performances are already sold out but tickets for Wednesday and Thursday are still available from Sarah on 07917 400674.

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Barry legend Bengt Berndtsson has died

BY ASHLEY COX



Bengt Berndtsson.

ONE of the most dazzling and decorated footballers ever to represent the town of Barry passed away recently, at the age of 82.

Bengt Berndtsson died suddenly on Thursday evening (June 4), shortly after watching his beloved IFK Gothenburg (for whom he made 599 appearances) earn a 1-0 win against opponents Elfsborg.

Affectionately known as 'Fölet' (or 'the Foal') in his native Sweden, winger Berndtsson was part of an influx of Scandinavian stars brought to Barry by former Town chairman John Bailey.

Winning the first of

29 full international caps in 1956 against an England team that included Manchester United star Duncan Edwards, Berndtsson had been part of the Sweden squad that reached the final of the 1958 World Cup on home soil, featuring in the group stage match against Wales.

It was mere months later, in early 1959, that Bailey and manager Harry Haslam pulled off their astonishing coup: signing Berndtsson, in the prime of his career, to a loan deal at Barry Town.

Bailey had maintained business interests in the country for some time, using his connections to bring IFK Stockholm to Barry for two friendlies and to organise a six-match tour of Sweden for the Town side.

The subsequent signing of Berndtsson would catch the imagination of the Barry public and a sizeable crowd came to Jenner Park on February 21, 1959 to witness the first of his 20-plus appearances, a 1-1 draw against Wellington Town.

He was described as "an extremely clever footballer" who "thrilled the Jenner Park crowd with some wonderful touches".

Scoring his first Barry goal in the 2-0 win at Bath City the following Saturday, Berndtsson would open his account at Jenner Park in the 3-1 victory over Lovells Athletic, a fortnight after his debut.

Only weeks after making the scoresheet in a Welsh League fixture against Brecon Corries, Berndtsson helped Sweden to victory over Portugal in front of a hometown crowd of 44,000 in Gothenburg.

Continuing his success on the

international stage, Berndtsson would also play in October's 3-2 win over England at Wembley; a match watched by some 80,000 spectators.

By this time, Berndtsson had resumed his club career with IFK Gothenburg, but he would make a remarkable return to Barry for a second spell in 1961.

Described as "a firm favourite" by reporter Clive Phillips, he would later play in the 1962 European Championships, featuring in the tournament win over neighbours Norway and ending his international career with five goals to his credit.

Reflecting on his time at Jenner Park, Barry club historian Jeff McNery remarked that Berndtsson's value today may well have exceeded the £10 million mark.

Continuing his lifelong love for football, the sprightly Swede remained actively involved with IFK Gothenburg until his untimely passing, training with the club's 'old boys' each weekend and lacing up the boots for veterans action well into his senior years.

Indeed, such was his level of health that his passing stunned the Gothenburg community when reported.

Held in the highest of regards, longtime friend Tomas Granbom recalled that Berndtsson "enjoyed his time with Barry Town," and echoed the consensus of those close to him, calling the European Cup footballer and World Cup silver medalist "pure class" and "a gentleman" to match.

"The world be better if everyone could be like him."

STAR BEN JOINS HOCKEY CLUB AS PLAYER/COACH

PENARTH Hockey Club has received a major boost ahead of the 2015-16 season with the acquisition of former Wales international Ben Croxall as its new player-coach.

Already a club renowned for producing internationals in youth and veteran age groups over the years, Penarth HC hopes that Croxall's arrival will boost standards and achievements at all levels.

His record speaks for itself - 10 years at the very highest level of UK club hockey with both Whitchurch and Cardiff & Met saw him play a vital role in landing a string of European, Welsh and league titles, while, on the international scene, he represented Wales at senior level on no fewer than 36 occasions, with highlights including medals in both the European indoor and outdoor championships, as well as playing in the World Cup qualifiers in New Zealand.

Croxall has also represented, captained and coached the Welsh mixed hockey team at different times over the last eight years, and further enhanced his coaching reputation with two victorious spells in charge of the Welsh Universities side, as well as league and cup honours with Cardiff University's mens and women's teams - a level of success he now hopes to bring to his new venture.

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to join Penarth HC as player/coach," Croxall said. "Penarth HC is a great club with a lot of history as one of the top teams in south Wales, and there are exciting

times ahead as the club will be returning 'home' in 2015 with a new pitch at Stanwell school, just a stone's throw from its club house.

"I know that Penarth has a talented group of players, and I am looking forward to working with them. Our goal this season has to be promotion at all levels and my role will be to oversee the coaching set-up of what is now three senior men's teams, as well as helping to build the youth section.

"Penarth has a great reputation as a cultivator of young hockey talent and we want to provide local children of all ages with the opportunity to learn and develop their skills.

"Some great work has already been done by the club and I look forward to working with the current group of committed and enthusiastic coaches to take things to the next level."

Installing an experienced coach is another step towards Penarth HC's '20/20 vision', and chairman Nick Pratt is delighted to welcome Croxall to the Vale's only men's hockey club.

"Ben's arrival as player-coach is a great fillip for a club looking to go places in the next five years," Pratt said. "We have big plans for

hockey at all levels at Penarth and the provision of class coaching can only help achieve that aim, both now and for the future.

"Returning to a home pitch in Penarth is another essential piece of the puzzle and I hope that Ben's arrival as player-coach and the move to playing at Stanwell can have an inspiring effect on the already loyal and hard-working members of the club."

On the field, Penarth's next competitive outing comes at veteran level in this weekend's national masters tournament in Swansea (June 20-21).

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability.

Training currently takes place on the artificial turf at Barry Sport Centre every Wednesday, with the juniors in action between 6-7pm and seniors between 7-8pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact either player-coach Ben Croxall (b_croxall20@yahoo.co.uk) or club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

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Who wants to build what, and where?

Cerys Hodson, Natural Resources Wales - **Dunraven Bay Beach, access slipway** - Repairs to existing slipway at Dunraven Bay.

Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc - **NatWest, 2 Plymouth Road, Penarth** - Remove existing teller line to open up banking hall. Install new non-structural partitions to form an automation wall. Removal of back office to increase size of banking hall.

No change of use. New external ATM and signage to be installed. Mr Emanuel Vavoulas - **6 Cold Knap Way, Barry** - Proposed alterations and extensions - to subdivide property to form three and four bedroom semi-detached dwelling with on-site car parking.

Mr Richard Leonard - **36 Robinswood Crescent, Penarth** - Removal of condition 2 of Planning Permission 2014/00954/FUL relating to pedestrian barrier.

Mrs M Jenkins - **6 Wenallt, 22 Elm Grove Road, Dinas Powys** - Demolition of kitchen and conservatory. Proposed kitchen and dining room to ground floor, additional bedroom with en-suite to first floor.

Ms Lynne Milligan - **100 Stanwell Road, Penarth** - Demolish existing ground floor rear annex and outbuildings. Construct new extended and remodelled single storey rear annex.

Bellway Homes - **Land south of Old Port Road/A4050 roundabout, Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff** - Retention of two flagpoles and stand-alone sales board.

KS SPV27 Ltd - **Cwm Derwyn Farm, Weycock Road, Barry** - Construction of solar photovoltaic park with attendant infrastructure.

Mr David Jaynes - **10 Rockrose Way, Cogan Penarth** - Ground and first floor extension. Messrs Phil Pook and Deborah Haines - **Plot 4, Craig yr Eos Avenue, Ogmere By Sea** - New five bedroom house with single garage.

Mr M Rees - **Heol Gerrig Farm, jct Ruthin to jct Moonhill via St Mary Hill** - Barn conversion, access and curtilage. Mr and Mrs John Stevenson - **3 Meliden Road, Penarth** - Single storey rear extension. Ocean Community Services Ltd - **88 Windsor Road, Penarth** - Demolition of existing lean-to extension and replacement with new single storey extension that wraps around south east and south west rear elevations.

Miss Caroline Murray - **Min Y Traeth, 28 Craig yr Eos Road, Ogmere By Sea** - Proposed extension and alterations to provide full first floor accommodation, comprising four bedrooms and living space.

Mr and Mrs Nick Turner - **7 Maughan Terrace, Penarth** - Single storey rear extension.

Mr and Mrs RF Crookes - **The Vines, Llanbethery** - Single storey side/rear extension and external alterations.

Andrew James - **Woodlands Farm, Sutton Road, Llandow** - Steel portal framed building.

Mr Andrew Graveson - **78 Lavernock Road, Penarth** - Attic conversion with dormer and rooflights.

Mr Peter Harris - **214 Gladstone Road, Barry** - Single storey extension to rear of property.

Mr Simon Evans - **48 Victoria Road, Penarth** - Replace existing windows.

Mrs Andrea Pace - **4 Vale View Close, Llandough, Penarth** - Single storey rear extension.

Mr Colin Riley - **32 Stanwell Road, Penarth** - Provision of ten photovoltaic panels to the rear of the property.

Mr M Kay and Miss S Powell - **The Sages, Colwinston** - Construction of new garage.

Mr Alexander Goodson - **Pen y Bryn, Llanmaes** - Conversion of existing barns into a single dwelling. (Change to planning permission 2012/00941/FUL granted for the conversion of the existing barns into two dwellings).

Mr and Mrs P Lougher - **South of B4265 and south west of Seaview, St Athan** - Proposed replacement farm house.

Mr Andrew Evans - **Plot 3, Craig yr Eos Avenue, Ogmere By Sea** - New build three bedroom detached dwelling with integral garage.

Mr Robert Penrose - **7 Oyster Bend, Sully** - Demolition of existing conservatory to be replaced with brick walled/tiled roof building of exactly the same dimensions and profile to be used as new kitchen.

Mr David Jones - **Sunnycroft, College Street, Llantwit Major** - Retention of garage and car port. Mr IA Morgan - **Brookfield Stables, off Groes Faen Road, Peterston Super Ely** - Stable block. Mr and Mrs Michael Kemp - **Rushmoor House, St Mary Church** - Demolition of existing substandard dwelling and erection of new four bedroom dwelling, triple garage and stable block.

Excellent wins for Millwood teams

MILLWOOD 'A' travelled up to Ynysybwyl to play in the division 7 game, and came away with an excellent win, even though they were one player short on two of the four rinks!

Playing in slightly damp/wet conditions, both teams played to the best of their efforts and in the end Millwood 'A' came away from there with an overall score of 90 shots to 76.

I have been informed that the points total scored was Millwood 'A' 12, Ynysybwyl 'A' 2, therefore that being the case, Millwood 'A' have also won three out of three games played. Well done 'A' side, keep up the noble effort.

Millwood 'A' team's next game is home to Llantwit Major 'A' on June 20.

With this 80-62 win against Rumney, Millwood notched up their third win

out of three played in the Division 4 game played on the Millwood green.

Millwood came away with a 80-62 shot win.

After the fifth end Millwood had taken a six shot lead at 17 shots to 11, which increased by another three shots after the 10th end to lead at 35-25.

Upon completing the 15th end, Rumney had chiselled away to only trail by six shots at 53-46.

Going into the last quarter of the match, Millwood put their foot on the pedal to finish with the win.

Again this result hinged a lot on rink three (skipped by K. Davies) winning by a very healthy 17 shots, but every player again played an important part in this win, for which Millwood gained a very healthy 10 points to 4 win.

The club side have a bye this weekend due to Wattstown being no longer in the division; the next game is against Thomastown on June 27 at home.

JH

Centurions' friendly loss

WITH both the 1st and 2nd XI league matches rained off on Saturday, Sully Centurions had to wait until the Sunday friendly at near neighbours Barry Wanderers to play some cricket.

Centurions batted first and lost some early wickets before Shae Ellis came to the crease.

His unbeaten 66 was the highlight of the Sully innings, but there was very little else to write home about and the innings came to close with the score on 144.

After a nice tea Wanderers set about chasing the modest total. Both openers looked comfortable and found the boundary many times. In spite of a rapid rotation of bowlers, Centurions couldn't make the breakthrough and the hosts reached the

target with plenty of overs to spare.

The game was played in an excellent spirit, with both sides enjoying the cricket and exchanging some good banter.

Barry Wanderers 146-0, Sully Centurions 144 all out.

WEEKEND TEAMS

Saturday, 1st XI (away V Brecon) meet at ground at 10.30am - L Bruce, C Ferdouz, S Singh, B Spear, S Shokeen, A Kulkarni, S Ellis, T Davies, O Sullivan, P Chaudhary, J Haswell.

2nd XI (home v Dinas Powys II) meet at ground at 11.45am - (from) DW Sylvester, R Griffith, I Thomas, L Pyke, G Hicks, E Fiddler, M Burnett, J Bryant, S Wooden, J Bryan, S Morse, P Harrison.

Sunday, friendly rotation of bowlers, Centurions couldn't make the breakthrough and the hosts reached the

availability. MF

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Wanderers win against Sully

WITH another Saturday washed out, it was down to the Barry Wanderers Sunday XI to provide the cricketing action this weekend.

The Sunday team were on the road to redemption following a heavy defeat the week prior against Westbury On Severn.

This week's guests were local rivals Sully Centurions. BWCC lost the toss and were put in to field with a damp wicket which was still drying out.

Sam Harris opened and as early as the third over he took the scalp of the skipper Tom Davies, caught at point by Alun Wade. Moggy at the other end kept things extremely tight and was rewarded with two further wickets early on, both caught at mid off by Blundell. Harris had a further wicket caught by Darraugh, and Moggy cleaned bowled Thomas for a duck and Sully were reeling at 35-5.

Following this great start, Shae Ellis came to the fore and he looked to up the runs at a rate of knots, dispatching change bowler Ian Ford and young Luke Grant; Grant managed to get the wicket of Hicks before drinks, and Sully

were 75-6.

After drinks Kunal had a few overs and toiled to no avail.

At the other end Wade's bowling was being dispatched by Ellis, although he was dropped by Darraugh.

The next opportunity came two balls later where Emma Davies chipped one to mid wicket, but Darraugh decided to run past it which left the viewing public in disbelief!

Sully went to 125-8 and finished 144 all out.

The Wanderers went out to bat and were soon 102-0 off 18.

That was until disaster struck and Kunal retired

which brought Alun Wade in at 3. While Wade was watchful, Blundell decided to get on with matters and bring the game home. He strolled past 50 with nonchalant ease, following that up with two big sixes.

Wade got himself in comfortably. With a cheeky chip over cover and to finish the game a flick off the pads to square leg, the game was done and the Wanderers won by 10 wickets.

The Glenbrook Inn man of the match went to Neil Blundell.

AF

JSTKD shine at championships!

IT was another successful outing for Vale based JSTKD Martial Arts & Fitness at the recent Welsh Open Tae Kwon Do Championships.

There was a double celebration taking place with not only excellent results from the squad but also in welcoming back team captain, Hannah Hunt, who had returned from the USA to lead her teammates in the tournament.

Hannah moved to Florida with her family 18 months ago but has kept in close touch, following the continued success of the club and encouraging her friends via Facebook.

However, this time

Hannah was able to offer first hand support during her visit. Recently attaining her Black Belt 2nd Dan, Hannah attended all the specific pre-tournament training sessions to help everyone sharpen their technique and then resumed her place as captain on the day.

The team certainly didn't let her down and were in fine form from the word go - both junior and adult members pulled out all the stops to bring home the medals.

First on for the adults were Nathan MacIver and Chris Edwards, both competing in the Men's Blue Belt division. Nathan literally 'rose' to the challenge, facing a much taller opponent with a formidable reach.



Undaunted, he kept his cool and thanks to some clever manoeuvring came away with the silver.

Meanwhile, Chris was proving equally troublesome to his rival and claimed the bronze.

For the ladies, Lynne Doel was also determined to come away with a result and stood her ground to take the bronze in the Blue Belt contest.

Over in the junior categories, new team member Jessica Doogue put in a great performance to win silver in the Tiny Tots Yellow Belt event with big sister Emily also sparring well in her division.

Another new team member, Ronnie Sevilano, showed off his skills to great effect and took the bronze in the Boys Green Belt Middleweight division.

Teammates Finlay Valvo and Gabe Wilfred were unlucky to be drawn against each other

in the Boys Blue Belt Lightweight event. Both sparred well but it was Finlay who advanced into the quarter finals.

Another teammate, Ethan Bugg, also fought alongside them and was narrowly beaten to a place in the other quarter final.

In the Boys Black Belt Cadets, Alan Li yet again turned in an inspired performance, displaying not only some fearsome kicks but also great athleticism to clinch his first silver of the day with the second coming later

in the Black Belt Cadets Tag Team contest.

Teammates Rhys Doel, Menna Burmingham, Dylan Howe, Zac Bowmen, Josh and Sean Edwards and Brogan and Callaghan Leary also showed great commitment on the day in both patterns and sparring, but just missed out on the medals this time around.

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Local archers aim for the top!

LLANTWIT MAJOR Archery Club sent a small but talented team to the Welsh & Open Field Championships which were held near Lampeter on June 13/14.

Despite entering a team of just four archers, the local club still managed to shine, with every archer returning with a medal.

With rainfall fluctuating between light and torrential during round one, and with the courses being rated four out of five on difficulty, even the most experienced archers found this year's championship to be one of the most challenging for some

years. In the Ladies Recurve division, the club's chairperson, Teresa Goodwin, led from the front, tackling the challenges of the elements and the shots, delivering a career best performance to land the title for the second year running.

It was a similar story in the Gents Recurve division, where the experience of three time world champion Mathew Symmonds showed as he coasted to his 10th successive championship title.

Meanwhile, newcomer Stephen Harrison showed great promise with a second placed finish in his first outing at the national championships.

The team's only junior, Ieuan

Graham, was hot favourite to defend the Junior Barebow Recurve title that he won last year - and he did not disappoint, returning strong scores despite the difficult conditions to complete a successful defence.

In the team event, the Llantwit Major team were hot favourites but in the event they were pipped to the gold by a single point, beaten by an all junior team from Bridgend-based club, Blandy Jenkins Archers.

The Llantwit Major archers will next be in action in mid-July where they will line up for Wales at the UK & Ireland Field Archery Championships at Waterford, Ireland.

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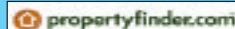
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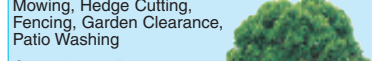
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Funeral service on 25th June at Stockport
Crematorium at 3.15pm. Family flowers only but
donations in lieu of flowers to St Ann's Hospice,
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All further enquiries to Ben Lloyd Funeral
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AP RHYS

Maldwyn

On June 5, 2015, suddenly at home, aged 96
years, Maldwyn of Cowbridge. The beloved
husband of the late Jenny, much loved uncle of
Leanne and a dear friend of Llinos and Steven.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on
Monday, June 22 at 12 noon. Family flowers only
please. Will friends please accept this intimation
and meet at the Crematorium.

All enquiries to Byron Thomas, Funeral Director,
Brian Thomas Funeral Service. Tel: 01656 668967.

PHILLIPS

Phyllis Marjorie (née Hume)

Peacefully on June 8 at the UHW, aged 80 years.
Much loved wife of the late Albert William.
Loving mother to Ceri and Glyn, and mother-in-
law to Nancy. A loving, wonderful nan to
Samantha, Tom, Hollie, Adam and Ryan and a
cherished sister.

Phyllis will be deeply missed by all of her family
and friends.

She will be resting at Rumney Funeral Home prior
to the service, to be held on Tuesday, June 23 at
Thornhill Crematorium (Briwnant Chapel)
at 2.15pm. Floral tributes welcome.

All enquiries to Rumney Funeral Home, 792
Newport Road, Cardiff, CF3 4FH, 02920 797516.

NEVENS

David

Mary, Roger and Edward would like to thank
everyone for attending David's funeral service and
for the many cards and kind messages received
and for the donations made to Prostate Cymru.

Special thanks to Velindre and Princess of Wales
Hospitals, the Cowbridge & Vale Medical Practice
and the Cowbridge District Nurses for their care and
dedication.

Thanks also to Rev David Boulton and William James
& Sons, Funeral Directors, whose professional
services were much appreciated.

YARROW

Keith

Rose and Wendy would like to thank family,
friends, neighbours and staff of Ward 2, Princess
of Wales Hospital for their kindness and
compassion, and for the sympathy cards and
flowers received at this sad time.

We would like to thank Heather the Minister for the
lovely service and also thanks to Thomas Brothers,
Funeral Directors, for their support and help.

TAPSCOTT

Barbara

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital, Penarth, on
June 9, Barbs of Pontypridd Road, Barry.
Dearly beloved wife of the late Trevor, much
loved mother of David, Lyndon, Howard and
Helen, mother-in-law of Sue, Jan, Marlene and
Tim. Adored grandmother to all her
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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BARRY VETS VISIT FRENCH FIELDS!



BARRY veterans travelled to Beauvais, France on our annual pilgrimage for the 10th anniversary of the Tournoi to celebrate the life of Jean Paul Cheron on Saturday, May 30.

With only a few training sessions behind them, the vets travelled over more in hope than confidence of defending the winner's trophy from last year.

As always we had some newcomers and the weekend was the richer for the addition of mature vets Offy Scott and Steve Griffiths along with a few middle aged players.

This year's tour theme was aptly 'Tour to France' cycling regalia and there were some lovely and unforgettable sights on the journey over. We were greeted with traditional French hospitality on arrival with 'olde' friendships being reunited.

The usual revelries on the Friday night and slight confusion with the coach driver, resulted in a different warm up for the start of the Tournoi on the Saturday morning.

Chairman of selectors Paul Delaney chose a

strong team to start. Sensibly against a good French team the backs were utilised perfectly by No 9 Dimond and Barry cruised to a comfortable victory.

Phillips, Williams and Provis combined beautifully after the Barry pack had won good ball. However, in the next two games, ill-discipline and some bizarre refereeing decisions resulted in a 1-0 loss and then a keenly fought 1-1 draw with our new friends Bretigny 'Beti Bixkor'.

The sheer look of confusion/amazement on the new players faces, as we kicked off and 'Bixkor' players all did the dying fly impressions will be etched on many memories. Luckily the new players saw the funny side and restarted the game - a draw was a fair result.

Barry competed well in a feisty contest against Laon but were beaten 1-0 and their defence of the title was out of reach.

Lunch came at the perfect time as batteries were running low. It was a fitting tribute as always with Beauvais that a photo shoot with all the participating teams was arranged. This demonstrated the camaraderie of vets rugby with

the usual rugby songs being shared.

Barry ended the day as they started with better distribution of the ball to the backs, utilising their speed and spaces.

Barry won the first game quite comfortably against Houilles but had to demonstrate excellent defence to hold out for a 1-0 win in their last game against the eventual runners-up Plaisir in the 'Tournoi'.

Mention must be made of the 17 squad members who were still standing to play the last two games.

Congratulations to Clermont Senlis who won the Tournoi - keep it safe for next year as Barry will be back to challenge for the trophy!

Another successful tour was had by all and thanks to organising committee of Knapman, Pritchard and Tanner. As always thanks go out to Beauvais, Patrick, Yannick and Guy for once again organising a successful Tournoi.

Special thanks to Pat Jones for her usual buffet on the somewhat lengthy return journey on a malfunctioning coach - until next time 'au revoir et bon chance'.

AM

Rising Sun students impress!



THE summer season has really kicked off for the Rising Sun Kyokushin Karate club.

Brothers Sensei Lee and Sempai Spencer Bennett got back into their stride and competed on the same bill for the first time since 2010. The brothers competed in the English Open full contact karate event.

Other members of the club, Paul Stephens and Des Brown, were selected to represent Team Wales in a home international against Ireland at the village hotel.

First on the bill was Sensei Lee Bennett's eagerly awaited comeback fight on British soil and it went ahead against a strong seasoned English opponent.

Lee's years of combat experience showed throughout the bout, showing the crowd some spectacular high kicks, almost knocking his opponent out within the first minute.

The bout went the maximum of three extensions, with Lee showing superior fitness in the final third of the fight gaining a unanimous decision. A well-earned third place was earned by Lee on a very experienced fight card.

Lee was unable to compete in the next round of the tournament due to a pulled calf muscle he sustained during training for the event, but was pleased to place third overall after a three year break from competition.

Sempai Spencer Bennett placed second after going up against two very capable opponents, first battling Cardiff's Lewis Harry over three consecutive rounds and taking a unanimous decision.

The final was against international and world class opponent Dawid Orza. The previous bout looked like it had taken its toll on Wales' number one full contact fighter, yet he only just missed out on the win by split decision over four hard fought rounds, the award for first place slipping through his fingers by a home English decision, although the blow of defeat was softened by the judges awarding Spencer best spirited

Paul Stephens.



fighter of the tournament. On Saturday, June 6, Paul Stephens and Des Brown were selected for Wales to compete in the Wales vs Ireland international event at the village hotel in Cardiff.

Both fighters had trained hard for this leading up to the event, and to be eligible for selection the fighters had to attend hard Welsh squad sessions. The night was packed full of home and travelling fans.

Des Brown's task was to fight an experienced Irish heavyweight fighter. Des began to overpower his opponent in first round, but all judges gave it a draw. The second round saw the Irish fighter began to take control of the fight with Des slowly falling behind in the fight.

A final 20 second push at the end of the second round gave Des one last chance to swing the fight into his favour, but the end result was two flags to Wales and three to Ireland.

Paul Stephens was the last fight of the night, and he came out of the blocks with some punishing liver punches and strong low kicks. The fight was pushed into overtime with Paul winning the bout by a split decision.

Overall Team Wales won the event, and 2016 will see Team Wales travel to Ireland to try and retain their title.

The club is constantly looking for new talent within the community and aim to give students the chance to see the world with the clubs top class international instructors.

The Rising Sun Kyokushin Karate Club train at the Barry Island Community Centre Mondays and Wednesdays between 6pm-9pm - anyone interested in joining the club contact Sensei Lee on 07811 110368. SB

Island Marine hold football festival

RECENTLY, the Island Marine FC held their third annual football festival at the Barry Comprehensive playing fields.

After weeks of planning and with over 550 players from 50 teams and 21 different clubs, including Inter Penarth, Sudbrook Cricket & FC, FC Barry, Treorchy Boys Club, Cardiff Crusaders, Park Lions, Rhosne FC, Sudbrook Girls FC, Sully Sports, Ely Rangers, Penydarren Boys & Girls, Cogan, Lisvane, Porthcawl Town, SB Frankfort AFC, Bridgend Street, Pontyclun FC, Llanrumney FC, Cowbridge Town, Porthkerry Pumas and Island Marine, it was time to put all the hard work into action and bring the festival to life.

With volunteers up early to prepare, the morning saw the under-6s, 7s and 11s enjoy a great morning of football. It was the first time that the Island Marine under-6s' had played in a football festival, wearing their new kits which arrived the day before - it was great to see the next generation of IMFC players take to the field.

With only an hour to prepare for the afternoon, it wasn't long before teams from under-8s, 9s and 10s were arriving to get the afternoon's festival underway. SB Frankfort AFC travelled all the way from Plymouth to take part and a big thanks to Adam Williams, players, coaches and parents for



making the long journey to south Wales.

The afternoon was another brilliant success with players enjoying playing football in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. The festival was again organised brilliantly thanks to the hard work of Richard Belby and Sian Blackmore, who prepare months in advance to ensure that everyone who attends the festival has the best experience.

Thanks must also go to the volunteers who helped to mark out pitches, set up goals, collect litter and control the car parking, the ladies who added colour to the festival with their hair spraying talents and to Barry Comprehensive for allowing us to host the festival at the school.

The biggest thanks must go to the players, coaches, parents and supporters who made the festival a success by competing, supporting and playing football in the right spirit and just enjoying the day. NO



Finals go Ray's way!

JUNE 12 saw this year's league cup final take place, with the top two teams in the league facing each other.

The Cwm Talwg had a relatively comfortable 6-1 win over the Poachers, despite Ray Way hitting a 102 out shot in his game. Congratulations to the Cwm Talwg on winning the cup.

On the previous Friday, the league singles were held at the Cadoxton Cons. Despite a slightly disappointing turnout, it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The final was a repeat of last year's, with Ray Way facing Dave Davies. Once again Ray came out on top, beating Dave 4-1 to win the title again. RL



Ray Way - the winner of the singles final.

The Barrivale Bridge results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for June 9:

1st Peter Millar & Jane Brook 70.31%; 2nd Mike Close & Mark Roderick 63.54%; 3rd Hilary Laurence & Vivien Liles 56.77%. Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm. Alternatively beginners or improvers/new starters would be welcome on a Friday at 9.45am at the above address. DR

MUNRO CUP LOSS FOR CADOXTON BOWLERS

THE rink skipped by Gordon Davies, in this Munro cup game at home to Central, started well against Ted Hudd with a 5-1 lead.

However, only one end during the next nine, brought success. This left them too far behind despite winning the last four ends.

Don Kuhnell skipped against Ken Tanner and the two new players for Central belied their innovation to outshine the Cadoxton front players. This advantage led the way for a comprehensive away success.

K Chedgzy's rink trailed 9-3 against Tom Goddard, but a '4' on the next end started a winning run, to remove the deficit, and lead 16-9. Unfortunately, with two ends left the advantage had been wiped out at 16-16. Although scoring a single on the next, the home side went down when conceding two on the last end.

The only rink to finish in Cadoxton's favour was skipped by John Jones. They steadily built up a lead with all four players sharing the scoring shots. This stopped when the score reached 13-6, and the opposition gradually pulled back, winning the remaining ends except for a '3' near the end, which decided the outcome.

Scores: R Byrne, D Fanning, I Robertson, G Davies 13-16 C Ditchburn, D Brewer, O David, E Hudd; S Clements, A Prince, P Swannick, J Jones 16-13 S Downes, J Hawkins, J Eathes, D Goddard; I Heppenstall, A Field, J Ferguson, K Chedgzy 17-18 G Young, G Carstairs, T Caged, T Goddard; J Stacey, G Powell, S Clarke, D Kuhnell 8-23 G Castle, G. Goldthorpe, L Tanner, K Tanner. Final score: 54-70.

CADOXTON V CAERPHILLY SOCIAL - CML6

Cadoxton travelled to Caerphilly for their second league match, hoping to add to their winning start last week.

Unfortunately for the home side, they were three players short so had to play with three triples and a four.

Don Kuhnell's rink was always in control against the 'four', with Steve Clarke continuing his good form at lead, and well assisted by the second, Jamie Ferguson. This left only the occasional need for Derek Brook to reclaim the head, and the skip to have an easy afternoon.

Gordon Davies started well again on his rink, with an 8-3 lead, but it was whittled down to 9-9.

A '2' regained an advantage, but a '4' against took

it away once more. Although a further '3' was scored, four of the final five ends were lost.

Roy Harding's rink more than covered this defeat. They took full advantage of the extra bowls to score regularly, and had domination throughout the match, for this comprehensive result.

John Jones struggled in the early stages of his match, with his rink failing to score during the first four ends, to trail 7-0. Four shots were scored in the next two ends, but this was followed with four further fruitless ends.

The second half of the game produced a good recovery when shots were conceded on just two further ends, which enabled the advantage to change for the first time on the penultimate end. A '2' on the last end ensured another success.

Scores: J Stacey, A Prince, L Davies, J Jones 20-17; P Swannick, P Ellis, K Chedgzy, R Harding 23-10; R Byrne, L Adams, I Robertson, G Davies 15-20; S Clarke, J Ferguson, D Brook, D Kuhnell 21-11. Final score: 79-58.

CADOXTON V WINDSOR - MUNRO CUP

Cadoxton managed just one winning rink in this Munro Cup Match at Windsor; this was skipped by Derek Brook against Eddie Thorne.

It was a close match with the score level on 6, 8 and 9. A '3' on the next gave the visitors an advantage. Two singles each on the remaining ends held onto the lead.

Gordon Davies conceded a '6' during the opening ends on his rink against Tony Holmes, and never managed to recover and was comprehensively defeated.

John Jones skipped his rink against Ken McLeod and also dropped a '6' to go 8-0 down after two ends. This resulted in another heavy defeat.

Kelvin Chedgzy was matched against opposing skip Maurice Hope and this was a much closer affair. During the early stages the home side held the upper hand and lead 14-5 after 11 ends.

A '4' started the fight back and with two ends remaining the scores were level. Unfortunately the recovery was ended with two '2's against.

Scores: R Byrne, I Heppenstall, D Jeffries, G Davies 7-32 A Morgan, C Barton, P Gunter, T Holmes; J Stacey, A Prince, P Swannick, J Jones 11-23 M Matthews, P Gooding, R Hudson, K McLeod; S Clements, R Morris, J Ferguson, K Chedgzy 15-19 C Lewis, A Woodcock, S Close, M Hope; S Clarke, A Field, I Robertson, D Brook 14-11 D Davies, A Dudley, B Rogers, E Thorne. Final score: 47-85.

CADOXTON V LLANTRISANT - CML6

Cadoxton travelled to Llantrisant full of confidence after winning their first two matches. However on a rainy afternoon their hopes were shattered.

Don Kuhnell's rink started well with a 7-0 lead, but with the two front players failing to master the conditions, the home side took full advantage by winning the next 14 ends, amassing 28 shots.

The next end broke the run when Derek Brook trailed the jack to 3 back woods to make four, and with the luxury of holding shot, at last, the achievement was increased to a six with two further added by Don. Unfortunately, this success was too late to matter.

Meanwhile, Howard Craven skipped his rink to a 17-3 lead by the 11th end and looked certain of a win. This was not the case as the opposition took over by winning nine of the final ends, to win by one shot.

Gordon Davies' rink also found the conditions difficult and they trailed 18-4 after 13 ends. There was a welcome recovery after this with 12 further shots added while conceding 4 in the remaining ends.

Roy Harding started well when his rink reached a lead of 8-3. Four losing ends left them three shots behind, which they recovered on the next end, only to drop behind again.

On the 18th end another '3' gave them a one shot lead. Two singles against left a one shot deficit going into the final end. During this end the shot changed sides on numerous occasions before Roy drew the shot to tie and collect the only point from the 14 available.

Scores: J Stacey, L Davies, J Jones, H Craven 19-20; P Swannick, P Ellis, K Chedgzy, R Harding 18-18; R Byrne, L Adams, D Jeffries, G Davies 16-22; S Clarke, I Robertson, D Brook, D Kuhnell 14-31. Final score: 67-91.

CADOXTON 'A' V RUMNEY - CML7
The last two Saturday fixtures of Cadoxton 'A' side played with three players short against Rumney and Splott Phoenix, at home, with an expected defeat in both.

Hopefully the 'hospital' list will improve shortly and a full competitive team can be fielded. If there is anyone looking for a regular Saturday afternoon game, they would be welcome.

DK

Vale pupils join to show 'racism the red card'

THE Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) campaign has continued its campaign to educate young people in the Vale about racism.

Over the past year they have given 35 workshops in 29 schools and six youth clubs. The sessions focused on various issues around racism, stereotyping and terminology.

Show Racism the Red Card is an anti-racism charity whose aim is to raise awareness amongst young people about racism in society.

They make use of the powerful position of professional footballers

and other sports stars as role models to deliver important messages about racism.

They have received a positive response from the teachers and pupils who have been involved in their sessions with one attendee saying: "The workshop shows how it makes people feel when you use the wrong term for their colour, culture or religion."

Pupils from Evenlode Primary School attended an event at the Cardiff City Stadium. They took part in an anti-racism workshop in the morning which strengthened their understanding of the topic before taking part in a role play

press conference in the afternoon.

Pupils acted as journalists and posed questions to a panel of current and ex-Cardiff City players.

A similar event took place with pupils from Llanilltud Fawr Primary School at the Cardiff Arms Park. Pupils who posed the best questions were awarded with tickets to a Cardiff Blues match and a SRtRC goodie bag.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for visible services and leisure, said: "Racism in all sport must be stamped out. I support all of the initiatives with schools and children that help us to achieve this aim."

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The Barry Sea Cadets prosper in competition

NOT only did Barry Sea Cadets host the South Wales District annual canoeing competition on Barry Docks on Sunday, June 7, but they emerged as the overall winners of the event.

Barry Sea Cadets have been training hard under civilian instructor Teilo Richardson, who qualified as a canoe instructor last year.

They were, however, disappointed when the district training scheduled for Saturday

was called off due to high winds. Despite this they went on, during the competition on Sunday, to win five out of the eight events and take the overall prize by two points.

Prizes were presented by Lt Cmdr Stephen Daniels RNR who congratulated all of the cadets, many of whom will now go on to represent south Wales at the area canoeing competition in Bristol Docks.

PO Dean Crapnell, Commanding Officer of the Barry Sea Cadet Unit said: "We had a fantastic result today, showing the

excellent training done by CI Richardson. Special mention must go to Cadet Platts who persevered in the marathon event and came a very creditable second, inspiring the whole team. They all did really well."

Barry Sea Cadets parade on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and are currently looking for volunteers who can help with delivering activities for young people; they can be contacted by e-mail at barryseacadets@gmail.com.

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BARRY YACHT CLUB ADDS TROPHY TO COLLECTION!

BARRY Yacht Club Sea Rowers secured another trophy at Aberaeron on Sunday, 7 June.

The strong winds which had been blowing all day Saturday thankfully dropped away for the races on Sunday.

The conditions were still fairly challenging and much concentration was needed to make sure the oar was actually in the water!

Aberaeron made a perfect setting with the picturesque harbour behind and an uninterrupted view of the races out to sea.

The men's 3.5 mile event was the first race of the day. Barry Sea Rowers continued their winning streak taking the mens' Supervets Trophy



Trophy delight for our local rowers!

in a time of 39 mins, 56 seconds, four minutes behind the winners from Aberystwyth.

The last race of the day, the mixed event, was very competitive with all positions keenly fought.

Barry Sea Rowers, with two regular crew of Christine and Sarah, joined by new rowers

Bill and Ian, rowed brilliantly to finish 13th out of 20 in a time of 37mins 29 seconds.

A big thank you to Jane, who coxed both races and made sure we all kept up the pace.

With the next race at Llangrannog only two weeks away there is plenty of opportunity for

those who wish to get a place in a boat.

If you'd like to have a go at sea rowing then come down to the Barry Yacht Club Open Day at 12.30pm on Saturday, June 27.

For more information, e-mail: rowingsection@barryyachtclub.co.uk.

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Congratulations champ! VIP ADMIRERS ARE IN LEE'S CORNER

FOLLOWING Lee Selby's open-top bus tour through Barry on June 6, the Vale AM, Jane Hutt, joined the Vale Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Barry town in the Mayor's parlour, to personally congratulate him.

Selby beat Evgeny Gradovich on May 30 to win the title at London's O2 Arena and Jane Hutt said: "It was fantastic to meet Lee and congratulate him on his incredible sporting success - Barry is very proud."

Lee is pictured here with Jane Hutt AM, Coun Charlotte Williams (Deputy Mayor of Barry town) and Coun Fred Johnson, Vale Mayor.

Hectic Week for World Champion Selby

THE new champ was also congratulated by the MP, Alun Cairns, who welcomed him to



Parliament.

Mr Cairns invited Lee and his team for a tour of Parliament. The champ also met the Secretary of State for Wales, Stephen Crabb, during his visit.

Mr Cairns said: "I was delighted to have been able to welcome Lee and his team to Westminster. He is a great, yet humble, champion who has made everyone in Barry and the Vale incredibly proud."



German golfers visit Vale

A group of 11 golfers from the Black Forest region of southern Germany recently visited one of the Vale's best known restaurants, Illtud 216 in Llantwit Major.

They were here for a week, playing some of Wales' best known courses such as Celtic Manor, Royal Porthcawl Machynys and the two Vale courses at Hensol where they stayed.

The connection they have with this area started 25 years ago when golf professional John Hastings, who is now teaching at St Andrew's Major golf club, worked at Baden-Baden Golf Club where some of them were

members.

The club, which has always had a tradition of employing British professionals, was where Wolfgang Furler, who organized the trip to Wales, met John and became one of his pupils.

As his passion for golf increased his thoughts turned to building his own golf course which was realised a few years later and now boasts a membership of over 800 golfers.

This project was financed in part due to his extremely successful paper producing family business which started almost 200 years ago. Today it is a world-wide operation with over 2,000 employees. Wolfgang's father Dr



Enjoying a meal at Illtud 216.

Hans Furler was the company's lawyer and went on to become a very prominent politician in Germany and later became President of the European Parliament Assembly in the late

1950s and early 1960s. As a regular visitor to Illtud's 216, John knew the group would be offered food of the highest standard and as George, the owner and chef, hails from Austria he could speak with them all in his native tongue!

They were all very impressed with Llantwit Major as a town and found the history especially of the church and surrounding area fascinating.

"The golf courses we played have been truly magnificent and everyone have been so friendly," said Wolfgang. "We will be going back to Germany with a very positive impression of the Vale and all it has to offer both golf-wise and culturally - even the weather was kind to us with sunshine during the whole week!" he added.

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BRIAN LEE

OGMORE'S NICK HANGS UP HIS RIDING BOOTS

NICK Williams of the Ogmoré Pony Trekking Centre, who is fast approaching his 30th birthday, has decided to hang up his race riding boots.

Likeable Nick, who has ridden 168 point-to-point winners and a further 44 under rules, and once had a spell as assistant trainer to Llancarfan's Evan Williams (no relation) said: "I was working all the week at Dad's pony trekking centre and race riding at weekends which meant that I didn't see much of my wife Louise and son Theo."

Nick, younger brother of former National Hunt jockey Christian, is a former Welsh champion rider and just as in the case of his brother, The GEM has followed and reported on his successes ever since he rode his first winner.

This was on *Rimpton Boy* at Lark Hill in 2002 and some GEM readers will remember Nick scoring on his father's *Touch and Pass* when he first began riding in point-to-points.

Of all the winners he has ridden, Nick says that win was a special one for him.

On one memorable evening he booted home three winners at the Cheltenham Hunter Chase meeting and it was on one of these winners, *Tordoff Express*, that he won the once prestigious Horse & Hound Cup at Stratford in 2004. Christian had won the race in 2002 on *Primaticcio*.

He won the Welsh Grand National Point-to-Point at the Pentyrch Hunt Point-to-Point Steeplechases on two occasions, the first in 2011 on prolific winner *Findlays Find* and the second the following year, 2012, on *Dear Vilez* and he had a big following at Welsh point-to-point meetings.

Nick, who was a great judge of racing pace, will not be lost to the sport as he will be taking in horses for pre-training as well as training a few himself.

So if there is anyone out there who is thinking of buying a horse for point-to-pointing then you will find him at the Ogmoré Pony Trekking Centre.

TIM SAVES BOOKIES

Aberthin's Tim Vaughan put a smile on the bookies' faces at Fontwell Park last week when his *Tachbury*, racing for the first in nearly a year, beat *Knockyoursockoff* by a length and a quarter.

The reason being that *Knockyoursockoff* was the subject of a huge gamble being backed from 10-1 to 13-8 favourite.

Tachbury was ridden by Richard Johnson and David Williams, of Ladbroke's Bookmakers, said: "Phew, that's a relief! That would have made for a moody Tuesday, thank goodness for Dickie Johnson."

FLINT'S WELCOME WINNER

Bridgend's John Flint had a welcome winner last Thursday at Uttoxeter when his eight-year-old *Taroum* romped home a 20-1 winner of the handicap hurdle race.

Partnered by Mr Flint's son Rhys, *Taroum* won by nine lengths from *DancelToTheLight*.

ANOTHER WINNER FOR TIM

Aberthin's Tim Vaughan won the Aintree Golf Driving Range Novices' Hurdle last week with his eight-year-old *Lamool*, a course and distance winner which came home 11 lengths ahead of *Oculist*.

Lamool, the oldest horse in the race, was ridden by Richard Johnson and was an odds-on favourite.

Welsh trainers Dai Burchell, Grace Harris and Roger Charlton all saddled winners at Chepstow.

Burchell scored with 5-1 shot *Prim And Proper*, Harris with 7-2 chance *Living Leader* and Charlton with 4-1 chance *Captain Marmalade*.

While at Newton Abbot Burchell also took the opener with *Fuse Wire* and Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn won with *Pandorica*, which was ridden by his grandson Robbie Williams.



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Spirited and brave Wales take gigantic step towards Euro 2016 qualification

THE build-up to Wales' encounter with Belgium at the Cardiff City Stadium on Friday night was prefaced with much talk about it being one of the biggest games in the history of the national side.

While the enormity of the fixture could not be doubted (and a sell-out crowd attested to that), the truth is that this Belgian test was another step up the ladder for a team who had, thus far in their qualifying campaign for next year's European Championships, impressed and surprised in equal measure.

Belgium arrived on the back of being named the second best side in the world via the FIFA world ranking system, but with a squad weakened by skipper Vincent Kompany's suspension and Marouane Fellaini missing through injury.

Add to that Eden Hazard's assertion that, on the back of his adventures for club and country, he was feeling tired, and the scene was set for a night where maybe, just maybe, the stars would align for another famous Welsh victory.

That those stars aligned was as a result of a professional, disciplined performance by the Welsh team, particularly in defence, as the

Belgians struggled to find a way through a rearguard action marshalled by imperious captain Ashley Williams, but with James Chester, Chris Gunter (moved from his usual right-back position to centre-back), Ashley Richards and Neil Taylor pushing their bodies to the limit to keep out the seeming never-ending stream of Belgian attacks.

It was a nervy opening 20 minutes or so from Wales, who seemed to allow Belgium to dictate the pace and tempo of the game, with danger man Hazard, as well as Kevin De Bruyne, getting on the ball a little too regularly for Coleman's liking.

However, buoyed by a sellout crowd of 33,000 fans, creating an atmosphere not seen since the heady days of Wales' Euro 2004 qualifying campaign, when Wales put Italy to the sword, the men in red soon battled their way back into the game.

On the 25 minute mark Gareth Bale (winning his 50th cap) was quickest to react to Naingggolan's weak back header, and controlled the ball with his chest before calmly dispatching it through Thibaut Courtois' legs to give Wales the lead.

This goal not only sent the crowd wild, but gave renewed optimism and confidence to the Welsh, and Hal Robson-Kanu (whose hard work

alone up front deserves mention) should have done better with the goal at his mercy after Ramsay's effort was saved by Courtois.

The game ebbed and flowed after that, in a match that was high in tempo and spirit but low in quality, with the Welsh rearguard nullifying the attempts of Hazard and De Bruyne to get Belgium back in the game.

When their constant pressure came to naught, and the final whistle was blown to exultant scenes, Wales celebrated a victory that solidified their position in the box seat of Group B, moving three points clear of their visitors, and, more importantly, five points clear of third place Israel with four games remaining.

It is also worth noting that this win should not only see Wales enter the top 10 of the FIFA rankings next month, but also put them into the top seeds when the draw is made for the World Cup qualifying groups, meaning the Welsh should avoid the big guns.

This result marked Wales' best start to a qualifying campaign, with four wins and two draws in their opening six games, but it would be churlish to consider the job done, not least with tricky trips to Cyprus and Bosnia to come.

But with Israel and Andorra having to visit

Cardiff, Coleman's team have their fate very much in their own hands.

There were some negatives, most notably Aaron Ramsay's inability to get a foothold on the game and cause the problems he is more than capable of creating, while Coleman has instilled a greater level of quality in the team's play that went unseen on Friday.

But in a way it is fitting that style was very much overshadowed by substance as Wales battled their way to what may be the pivotal result in their hopes of heading to France next summer.

The comment of 'brave Wales' used to be a balm to soothe the wounds of defeats where we put up a strong fight before being dispatched by our opponents; yet after Friday night's exertions it can now apply to our ability to face our opponents head-on and grind out results, a facet that has been sorely lacking in the national team for a long time.

We'll know more after September's double-header against Cyprus and Israel, but on the evidence of Friday, the dream is edging ever-closer to reality.

GARETH JAMIESON

Fantastic week for the Romilly bowlers

A N O T H E R fantastic week of bowls by Romilly Bowling Club, achieving three good results - winning their midweek Munro Cup game against Dinas Powis on Wednesday last, with the club side beating Penyrheol and the 'A' side won at home against St Mellons on Saturday.

Both the club side and the 'A' team remain unbeaten in the leagues with both sides topping their respective tables and the midweek Munro cup team hovering close to the top, having won three out of their four games.

The first team travelled to Caerphilly to play Penyrheol in their third league game of the season, full of confidence having won their first two games, but slightly apprehensive as the home green tends to flood easily and with the weather forecast indicating rain, fingers were crossed hoping for dry conditions.

The game began in light rain which was not causing concern to the green - in fact the pace of the green was very acceptable versus the heavy Romilly green.

After the first five ends the game was level at 17-17 with the

Romilly rinks taking time to find their length. As the game progressed the rinks of Fred Phillips, Mel Newman and Jeff Wright forged ahead and by the 10th end only Graham Cogbill's rink was suffering a reverse but Romilly were now ahead by 10 shots, 40-30.

During ends 11 to 15 the 'Rom' pushed on with the rinks of Phillips, Newman and Wright bowling well and Cogbill's rink clawing back their deficit to be level at 12-12; by the end of the 15th Romilly had the comfort of a 21 shot advantage going into the final quarter.

Romilly were confident that they would win the match but were looking to take all points and with all rinks leading on the 20th end, it looked as if their target would be met.

With the rinks of Phillips, Newman and Wright home and dry, it left Cogbill's rink, leading by one and holding two shots, and home skip Charlie Nott to have a say with the last bowl - and what a brilliant bowl he laid, making two shots to win the rink by one shot, giving Romilly 12 points to Penyrheol's two.

Overall score was a 23 shot victory for Romilly, 84-61. This Saturday, June 20, Romilly entertained Kidwelly at Romilly Park in the first round

proper of the Carruthers Shield with a 3pm start. Romilly 'A' side welcomed St Mellons to Romilly Park for CML Division 5 league game on Saturday confident of a victory.

This confidence has been brought about by new players joining the club, giving them greater strength in depth and making for a stronger team; also it is making selection very difficult with nine players not able to make the teams.

The game got off to a mixed start for the 'Rom' with rinks of Alan Bryan and Tony Freeman going ahead by 12 and five respectively at the end of the fifth, with Andrew Hatcher's rink just one down and Howard Jones five down.

As the game progressed, Bryan's rink continued in fine form moving well ahead and by the 10th end were 20 shots ahead, with with Freeman and Hatcher's rinks maintaining their differences, but unfortunately Jones' rink was having an off day and were falling further behind by 12 shots.

At the 15th end the overall score was 65-46 to the 'Rom' and the pattern of play was mirror imaging the previous 10 ends, with Jones' rink now 15 shots down, but fortunately Bryan's rink were on fire, 26 shots ahead.

The last six ends

continued in the same vain and by the 21st and final end, Jones had suffered a resounding defeat by 18 shots. Freeman's rink played steady throughout winning by 11 shots and Hatcher's rink fought all the way, finally losing out on the final end by one shot.

Outstanding on the day was Alan Bryan's rink who slaughtered the opposition with excellent bowling by 28 shots, 39-11. The overall score was 86-66, giving Romilly 10 points to St Mellons' four.

This is another positive for the Romilly Club but will give the selectors a headache with many of the 'A' team players performing well. Putting themselves forward for a possible first team call up. **FP**

LIGHTNING STRIKES AT THE BARRY CHESS CLUB!

ON Monday it was agreed to hold our AGM on June 29; the Lightning will be our last tournament before the AGM.

Fourteen players took part in the Lightning Tournament. There would be seven rounds of play with each player allowed 10 seconds for each of the first 40 moves, then the time limit would reduce to only five seconds per move.

Moves must be made only when the bell tolls, not before and if after then the player is deemed to have lost on time.

The opening 10 seconds can seem like a long time and hands are ready and waiting for the buzzer. In a complicated mid-game, 10 seconds is never enough and sometimes you just have to make a

move - any old move will do.

This type of format can be a great leveller and focus is needed right from the start. In a number of games there were queen blunders and kings left in check.

The tournament had a worthy winner in Ashley Davis who defeated his nearest rivals and won all seven of his matches. Steve Cunliffe was runner up with 5 and a half points from his seven matches, only losing to Ashley and perhaps surprisingly drawing with Sam White in round one.

In an outstanding round 2 match David Jones defeated Ken Hannah - surely this is David's best result since he joined the club!

In the Plate (Under 1500) section the eventual winner was Martin Ricketts, who picked up 4 points to give him his third trophy

or medal in a month.

The key match here was in round four when Martin defeated Dave Mahoney in his first competition since recovering from illness. Dave managed to collect the runner-up medal, finishing only a half point behind Martin.

As is usual with these tournaments the priority is not just to play but to have a good time doing it. I am sure everyone agreed at the end of the night what a good tournament it had been and yet again compliments must go to the controller, Lee Davis, for ensuring the night was such a success.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the

West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

PHIL JONES

Sully Bridge Club results

MONDAY, June 8, North/South:

1st Pat Evans/Jane Greatrex 66.67, 2nd Evarad Kerslake/Roger Cradick 61.78, 3rd Vernon Pearn/Glyn Thomas 59.04. East/West: 1st Mary Blackwell/Peter Blackwell 59.85, 2nd Sean MacDougall/Gareth Stone 59.34, 3rd Richard Alleyne/Janet Cunningham 55.81. Wednesday, June 10, North/South: 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 67.41, 2nd Pat Evans/Roger Cradick 53.62, 3rd Ann Williams/Marilyn Jones

52.04. East/West: 1st Anne MacDougall/Ann Hilary Jones 58.96, 2nd Sam Fellows/Norman Ryley 57.63, 3rd Carol James/Alan James 54.89. Saturday, June 13, North/South: 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 59.13, 2nd Sue Knight/Brian Knight 51.59, 3rd Joan Thompson/Sheila Kavanagh 50.00. East/West: 1st Peter Blackwell/Mary Blackwell 59.03, 2nd David Hopkins/Lilian Hopkins 56.60, 3rd Pat Sullivan/Hugh Simmonds 56.25.

EK

Millwood bowls news

MILLWOOD, playing against Barry Central, gained their fourth win out of six in the Munro Cup, winning 81-53. This came after the defeat Millwood suffered last game against Dinas Powis.

The game was played in near perfect conditions, dry, sunny with just a slightly coolish breeze. Millwood adjusted to the green fairly quickly to build up a 12 shot lead after just four ends to lead 23-11, which after the ninth end had been played saw Millwood with a hefty 47-22 shot advantage.

When the 14th end had been played Millwood were in the lead by 26 shots with the score 65-39, to which another

two shot increase resulted in the win for the visitors to take the game 81-53.

With rink two winning by 21 shots, that went a long way to sealing victory, but everyone played their part. Well done!

With this result Millwood picked up another 12 points by virtue of three winning rinks to add to their total, but having lost two games already, maybe we will be out of the running - we'll wait and see!

At the completion of the game all players enjoyed the facilities offered by Barry Central, and our thanks go to Central for the hospitality shown.

By the time this goes to print Millwood's next Munro Cup game will be away to Murch.

JH